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CAR PARKS MAY GET AN UPGRADE

Report by Aimee Jones

OSWESTRY Town Council will review its car parking system later this year with a view to upgrading it to allow for payments by mobile phone.

As of last Friday, drivers parking in Shropshire Council-run car parks can pay using their mobile phones.

Motorists can download an application to their smartphones to pay or either text or call a number. Town Clerk David Preston said the use of modern technology is something the town council will look into when it reviews its car parks. He said: "Each year the council reviews its car parking strategy and charging structure.

"Our intention will be to look at our parking strategy going forward and that will obviously involve looking at different ways to pay."

Business leaders in Oswestry have welcomed the move by Shropshire Council to use technology to make parking easier.

Yossi Gliksman

Mark Derham, chairman of Oswestry Chamber of Commerce, said: "I think the times are changing so it's got to be a positive step forward."

However, he added that drivers should be asked to pay for their parking, whether on their mobile or at a ticket machine, at their end of their stay. He said: "It would be good for people to be able to pay on exit instead of worrying that their two hours on their ticket are up."

The use of technology has also been supported by chairman of the Oswestry BID organisation Ian Follington. Mr Follington is heading a project to make the town a Business Improvement District. He said: "Anything that makes it easier to use car parks will be a benefit to traders so this needs to be looked at for Oswestry."

Under the Shropshire Council system, shoppers are able to extend their stay using their phone so they don't have to rush back to the car.

Businessman Yossi Gliksman, who owns cookshop Upstairs Downstairs in Leg Street, said using modern technology to pay should be an option but not compulsory.

He said: "We need to remember that Oswestry is a traditional market town and not all of our customers are so advanced in using smart phones. But it should definitely be an option for those who want to use it."

He agreed drivers should pay for parking when leaving. He said: "Every day we have people coming into the shop who will run out half way through speaking to us because their ticket is about to run out. We need to allow people to stay longer if they want to."

Tasty treats on offer at continental market

Jean Phillipe was selling his traditional French treats at the continental market in Oswestry. Photo: David Hamilton.

SHOPPERS in Oswestry enjoyed delicacies from all over Europe when a continental market rolled into town.

The market has become a main feature of the town's calendar in the last five years with traders from different countries gathering to offer a variety of foreign tastes.

The continental market ran on Friday and Saturday and once again proved a hit with shoppers and with civic leaders keen to stage attractions which bring in trade to Oswestry. Mayor Vince Hunt said: "We always welcome the continental markets to Oswestry as they bring with them stalls you are not likely to see in the normal markets.

"The event is now an important part of our event portfolio."

The stalls in Cross Street and Bailey Street included a selection of foods from Germany, Poland, France, England, Turkey and Italy, along with craft stalls as well. Retail markets and events manager for the town council David Clough was delighted to have the market back again. He said: "We had around 15 stalls on offer, and it is nice to give the public something different. It seems to have grown over the years and the general public has really taken to it. We've had a number of other markets taking place in the town and they have all done really well."

ROADS

One way proposals 'drawn on the back of a fag packet'

PROPOSED changes to a one way system look "like something drawn on the back of a fag packet," it has been claimed

Welshpool county councillor Graham Breeze has examined new proposals for the system that has caused problems since it was introduced in 2011. Welshpool Town Council has asked the Welsh Government to reduce Broad Street to a single lane and return Brook Street and Union Street to a two-way system. Cabinet Secretary for economy and infrastructure Ken Skates said earlier this year officials were drawing up new plans.

Councillor Breeze has now seen the plans and said: "It looks like something drawn on the back of a fag packet and my first impressions are that part of the herringbone parking scheme suggested is the wrong way around. The drawing supplied to the town council from the minister's office clearly shows a crossing area at New Street junction pointing in the wrong direction and preventing vehicles from parking correctly. A request for a light-controlled crossing outside the town hall has also been ignored and a zebra crossing is being proposed."

The new plans were due to be discussed by Welshpool town councillors last night (Wednesday).

PLANNING

Restaurant bid is rejected by council

A BED and breakfast business's new restaurant operation has suffered a blow after formal planning permission was refused.

Hayes Barn on the outskirts of Oswestry has recently been expanding, offering up-market themed nights, Sunday lunches and afternoon teas.

But council planning officers this week refused a formal application for the premises to be used as a restaurant and drinking establishment.

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Campaigner urges public to fight for maternity units

Report by Aimee Jones

A HEALTH campaigner has issued a rallying call to the public to fight to save the county's midwife-led units at a series of workshops starting next week.

But mother-of-four Liz Grayston, who is leading the campaign to save Oswestry's unit, has warned if people are not registered to attend the consultation events they won't be allowed in.

The five sessions, run by Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin clinical commissioning groups (CCG), start next week in Oswestry and are a chance to be part of the discussions surrounding the future of Shropshire's MLUs.

However, capacity at these events is limited so anyone intending to go along must pre-register.

Shropshire CCG is currently carrying out a review into the county's MLUs. The trust that run's Shropshire's two main hospitals are considering making the MLUs at Bridgnorth, Oswestry and Ludlow into 'birthing centres' – closing at night.

Mrs Grayston is urging the public to pre-register for the workshops and make their voice heard in a bid to save the services.

"People don't seem to know they need to register for these community workshops which is worrying," she said. "These services are seriously under threat so I can't stress how important it is that people turn up. This is the stage where the CCG will start to form what midwife-led care will look like in the future so it's vital people go and have their say. I think if people don't turn up they will just use it as an excuse to go ahead with their plans and end post-natal care or get rid of them.

"If you believe it is important to save these services, go along and tell them. Once it's all over, it'll be too late to save it."

The first event takes place on Thursday next week between 10am and 12.30pm at Cabin Lane Church, Oswestry.

Anyone intending to go along should email karen.higgins14@nhs.net

Caring nurse Ruth awarded Health Hero title

Ruth Griffiths receives her award from hospital chief executive Mark Brandreth in front of her colleagues

A STAFF nurse has been commended for her caring and compassionate nature.

Ruth Griffiths, who is part of the scrub team in the theatre department at Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital, is the latest recipient of the Health Hero award.

It is presented every month to a deserving member of staff, and Ruth was nominated by her two colleagues Leonie Keeling and Gilly Griffiths.

Gilly, theatre scrub manager at the hospital, said: "Ruth has worked in the department for many years and is always extremely helpful to managers, patients and her colleagues.

"Her excellent team working skills and supportive nature has recently been highlighted by several members of staff.

"We have also had new staff compliment Ruth on her calming effect in a stressful working environment."

She was recently presented with her award by chief executive Mark Brandreth.

Ruth added: "I was so shocked when I found out I won the award, I definitely wasn't expecting it.

"I work with such a great team and it feels very rewarding to be appreciated by Leonie, Gilly and the rest of the department. I am so thankful to them for nominating me."

The award is popular with staff and has seen a host of people commended for their service to the hospital.

Mr Brandreth added: "Leonie and Gilly's words about Ruth really stood out to me."

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Inquest is told of car crash tragedy

A YOUNG man died when his car burst into flames after crashing on a country road.

Jodie Michael Jordan, 23, had been driving a silver Audi when it left the road at Henlle Lane near Gobowen.

At an inquest on Tuesday, assistant coroner Heath Westerman, concluded Mr Jordan, 23, of Penycae, Wrexham, died as a result of a road traffic accident. After hearing calls from Mr Jordan's parents for warning signs of a bend and junction he said he would consider making a call for changes to road markings to prevent further tragedies. His father, David Jordan said: "There needs to be signs on the road itself to warn people of that bend and the junction. We don't want to see any other lives lost."

The inquest heard from pathologist, Dr Nicholas Green, who said death was due to exposure to fire. He told Mr Jordan's family that it was likely that he had been unconscious before the fire started.

Constable Neil Jenkins said the car had been travelling at just over 52 miles an hour when it failed to negotiate a sharp right hand bend just before the junction.

In a police interview, a passenger in the car said he managed to release his seatbelt but said Mr Jordan's seatbelt was stuck.

The passenger said he saw the smoke then flames and knew he had to get out.

People driving and living in the area said that they heard an explosion or saw flames at about 4.40am. The assistant coroner was told that Mr Jordan was given the silver Audi 90 two days before the crash on May 6 in return for work he did on a Landrover. It had not been used for about seven years.

"The car should not have been on the road, it had no MOT and was probably not roadworthy," he said.

Following the inquest Mr Jordan's father and his mother Sam said their son had been a "good kind lad" who lived life to the full.

New era for town's education system starts

Report by Sue Austin

PUPILS started lessons at two new schools this week, although many were walking through the same school gates.

Two primary schools will be built in Welshpool over the coming months, one English medium and one Welsh medium to replace the four – three infant and one junior – that have served the town and outlying areas.

The £13 million project means infant and junior pupils are now taught together and a new all Welsh medium school has been created.

Until the buildings are up, the newly named Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng and Welshpool Church in Wales School are running in the existing buildings.

All those learning in Welsh were from Monday being taught at the current Ardwyn site while those being taught in English are in the Gungrog, Oldford and Ysgol Maesydre buildings.

Over the next two years the two new complexes will be constructed, the Welsh medium school, with 150 places on the Maesydre site, and English medium, with 360 places, on land at Welshpool High School. Both will also have accommodation for early years and community use.

It is expected that the schools will be ready in spring/summer 2019.

Councillor Myfanwy Alexander, Powys cabinet member for education, said: "This is an historic moment for education in Welshpool and the beginning of an exciting £13 million project.

"Having infant and junior schools on different sites has been disruptive for our young learners and difficult for parents who, if they have more than one child, have had to dash from one school to another at the beginning and end of the day."

The head of the Welsh medium school, Bethan Bleddyn said the children had been very excited on the first day. "We have a new logo and a new uniform and there has been much excitement," she said.

Mrs Bleddyn said there had been interest in Welsh lessons for parents.

Councillor Myfanwy Alexander visited Welshpool as the new education era started in the town

Scary way to raise cash for good cause

IF you go down to Chirk Bank near Oswestry this weekend, you are sure to be surprised – by several scarecrows in gardens and along the roadside.

A fundraising weekend is being held in the picturesque canalside village on Saturday and Sunday for a local good cause.

The event is being held to raise funds for the bone tumour cancer centre appeal at Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital.

Between 2pm and 6pm on both days the Chirk Bank community room will host an art exhibition with many paintings and works of art for sale.

There will also be a photography exhibition in the Chirk Bank chapel.

Several artists have also donated paintings for a raffle.

There will also be a cake stall while afternoon teas will be served at 20 Berwyn Avenue, the home of organiser, Angela Bright.

Mrs Bright, whose son, Byron, died from bone cancer 23 years ago at the age of just 20, said there was a lot of research taking place into the disease.

"Last year we raised almost £1,000," she said.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Man's body was found in house

AN inquest has opened on a man whose body was found in a house.

John Bryan Rowlinson, aged 72, of The Terraces, Morda, was found dead in his house by police on August 21, the inquest heard. Mr Rowlinson was a retired carer and a single man, who was born in Oswestry.

He lived at his house since birth and was due to move to sheltered accommodation. Police attended the property on August 21 following concerns of welfare, where they located the body. Paramedics confirmed he was diseased at 10.11am. Mr Rowlinson's body was identified on August 24.

The inquest was adjourned until December 14.

Top performers set to show skills

TOP classical performers will be appearing at a concert taking place this weekend.

The concert, which is being held at Llanyblodwel Church, is a pre-cursor to a larger festival event planned for 2018. This Saturday's concert starts at 7.30pm and features a line-up of international classical artists. Organiser Chris Booth-Jones, has helped to put together a line-up that includes Aimee Lake – soprano, Andrea Pellegrino – tenor, Pam Pickford – pianist, and chamber choir Quindici.

Tickets, which cost £15, are available from (01691) 839929.

Expert to talk to gardening club

TREFONEN Garden Club resumes its monthly meetings with Pete Evans of Derwen College bringing his expertise and passion on Streptocarpus on September 21 to Trefonen Village Hall.

A club spokesman said: "This promises to be an exceptional evening's talk and one that will be of great interest to many.

"These popular household plants are both a challenge and a joy and Pete's experience and advice will be invaluable."

The meeting starts at 7.30pm.

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Jake Hughes

Money raised in memory of caring Jake

TENS of thousands of pounds have been raised in memory of a teenager.

Jake Hughes, 16, had problems with his immune system and under went a bone marrow operation, spending time at Manchester Children's Hospital.

Sadly he suffered from multi organ failure and passed away on August 1, 2015. But, two years on, a total of £26,000 has been raised in the Glyn Ceiriog teenager's memory. The money will be going to the hospital.

Jake's auntie, Lynne Morris said: "It is something he had suffered with all his life. He had the transplant and was in hospital from January to August when he sadly died."

Jake was a farmer but had ambitions of being a butcher, and worked for Steve McArdle butchers in Chirk near Oswestry.

While in hospital, his family said Jake felt that more should be done to brighten it up and the fund-raising began. The funding will be handed over tomorrow (Friday) at a tea and cake event from 4pm to 6pm in the Canolfan Ceiriog Centre in Glyn Ceiriog.

Castle dig team celebrates £32,000 lottery backing

Report by Aimee Jones

A PROJECT to excavate Oswestry's castle and research its history has received a £32,300 boost from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

The group of archaeologists and volunteers behind Oswestry Castle Research Project can now continue to unearth the full plan of a medieval keep they partially discovered during their last heritage dig.

Project director Roger Cooper said: "We are thrilled to have received support thanks to National Lottery players and are confident the project will reveal much more about the story of Oswestry castle.

"We are also grateful for the continued support of Historic England and Oswestry Town Council that enables these excavations to take place."

Last year Heritage Lottery awarded the group £7,400 which led to the discovery of an early Norman tower keep as well as an old musket ball. Mr Cooper added: "It is clear this was a significant and well constructed castle and highlights the importance of Oswestry in the Medieval period. This was an unexpected and exciting find, clearly needing further excavation to fully reveal its structure and the new grant will enable this to take place."

The latest excavation work started this week and will run until September 22 and visitors are welcome to see the archaeologists at work at the castle behind the Guildhall.

There will be an information officer on site during the excavation to explain what the group is doing on the day.

The HLF grant will also allow the project to undertake further excavations in 2018 and 2019 and there will be opportunity for volunteers to help with these.

Harassment claim is denied

A MAN has denied assaulting and harassing a woman in Mid Wales.

Muhammed Adnan Pervez, 25, of Frodesley Road, Birmingham, appeared before Welshpool Magistrates Court on Tuesday last week to face four charges.

He is alleged to have, between August 4 and August 18, assaulted Aisha O'Reilly-Powell. A further assault is alleged to have taken place on August 24.

The following day he is accused of damaging a kitchen window belonging to the victim. A further charge is said to have taken place on August 26, when he pursued a course of conduct that amounted to harassment, by sending the victim unwanted texts messages and made unwanted phone calls.

Pervez denied all four charges.

He was granted bail to appear back before magistrates for trial on September 18.

History to be told in a comic

Illustrator John Swogger will be celebrating Oswestry's heritage through comics

THERE are probably very few towns in the country with its heritage serialised in a comic.

But the market town of Oswestry can now make this unusual claim as its 3,000-year-old history is getting a colourful retelling.

In a year-long project called Oswestry Heritage Comics, archaeologist and illustrator John Swogger is exploring the town's past in a series of 52 comic strips being published weekly online and in print.

He is teaming up with community group, Oswestry Heritage Gateway, to capture people's personal memories of Oswestry as inspiration for the comic strips. Content will also feature in an exhibition at the end of the project, which has attracted Heritage Lottery funding and is being facilitated by Oswestry organisation Qube.

The project launch will be one of the attractions of Oswestry's Heritage Open Days running from today (Thursday) until Sunday. Mr Swogger and his team will be at the Bailey Head market from 10am to 3pm on Saturday and Sunday to hear people's memories and anecdotes.

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Couple needed rehousing after fleeing driver crashed

Report by David Banner

A COUPLE had to be re-housed temporarily after a driver trying to flee police crashed into their bungalow.

The force of the impact meant that the gas supply at their Oswestry home was severed when the Ford Focus driven by panicking ex-soldier David Whiteside crashed into the side wall of the property, a court heard.

He had been reversing towards a police car for the second time but missed and instead struck the bungalow in Unicorn Road.

The vehicle was lifted into the air by the crash and landed next to the police car with significant rear impact damage, said Anya Horwood, prosecuting.

The incident began on May 10 when two police officers were on plain clothes mobile patrol duty engaged in an operation to prevent street drug dealing.

They saw a grey Ford Focus matching the description of a car they had been alerted to. As they approached on foot they saw Whiteside was the driver and he suddenly reversed towards the police car, colliding with it and forcing one officer to jump out of the way.

It was after Whiteside was again told by police to stop that he reversed and struck the bungalow.

Despite the damage to the Focus he then drove off at speed and into the town centre ignoring the 30mph speed limit before abandoning the car about half a mile away. Enquiries revealed that he had been seen going into the nearby Morrisons supermarket where he was found hiding and was arrested.

Miss Horwood told Liverpool Crown Court that at the time 28-year-old Whiteside was on bail for dangerous driving.

Claire Jones, defending, said that Whiteside, of Haweswater Close, Tower Hill, Kirkby, had "shown insight into his behaviour and knows he has to change it".

He had come out of the army with mental health problems and post traumatic stress disorder.

Whiteside pleaded guilty to the Oswestry matters involving dangerous driving, criminal damage, failing to stop after an accident and driving without insurance and a licence.

He was jailed for 22 months and banned from driving for three years 11 months.

Depot plans will not hit bus services

BUS services in Oswestry will not be affected by plans to sell off land where the town's current bus depot is based.

The yard, which is currently leased by Arriva for £26,000 a year, is set to go on sale in 2018 for £600,000.

Halls Commercial, who are handling the sale, said plans are already underway to find a buyer and a number of developers have already registered their interest.

Arriva spokeswoman, Cora Woodhouse said: "While we are aware the land our Oswestry depot is based on is for sale, we have no plans to close our operations in Oswestry and services will continue uninterrupted."

The bus company's lease runs out in autumn next year but it is not yet known where they will be moving to, however, the firm has said bus-users in Oswestry would not be affected by the plans.

James Evans from Halls said the 0.66 acre site has been a feature in Oswestry for many years but would lend itself to redevelopment. "It has significant future development potential, subject to the necessary consents, and redevelopment is probably the way to go," he said.

The land is next to the Penda Retail Park.

New principal looks ahead

Ian Clinton, North Shropshire College's new principal and chief executive

THE new principal of Oswestry's North Shropshire College says he is looking forward to building on the organisation's successes.

Ian Clinton OBE has taken over as interim principal and chief executive from previous interim Peter McCann.

Mr Clinton, a highly experienced and qualified principal, said: 'I am delighted to be joining NSC at the start of what I am sure, will be a busy and very successful year. The range of courses offered by the college is increasing yet again this year and my new colleagues and I welcome the chance to enhance the career prospects of our current and new students and, of course, meeting the needs of local and regional business and employers. I am sure my talented staff and I, with the support of our board, will continue to develop and build on last year's many successes."

Gillian Richards, chair of governors, said: "The board is delighted with the achievements the college has enjoyed, and we expect these will continue, through Ian's first-class leadership of the team of committed professionals that work at the college."

The college recently spoke of its disappointment after a proposed merger with Nantwich-based Reaseheath College fell through. Bosses say they are looking at alternative strategies for the future.

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BREEZE ABOUT TOWN

Welshpool Town Council had been looking for inspiration from Welsh Government Cabinet Secretary Ken Skates over the troublesome town one-way system – what it got instead simply beggars belief.

Responding to public demand the council asked Mr Skates to look at reducing Broad Street to single lane traffic and erect the "promised" pelican crossing outside the Town Hall in a move to reduce dangers to both road users and pedestrians.

What they got in response could have been written on the back of a fag packet in some late-night bar discussion by just about anyone with a pencil.

And judging by the look of things that may be just what did happen, because the proposed herringbone parking plan would appear to be facing in the wrong direction – must have been some strong beer involved when Mr Skates's highly qualified team sat down on this one.

Plans include a zebra crossing outside the Town Hall, not the promised pelican version.

Judging by the speed vehicles were travelling up Broad Street this week it would take a brave man to step out onto a zebra crossing and pray the traffic stops.

Councillors were discussing the drawings at a meeting this week and it is to be hoped they sent them whistling back down the valleys to Cardiff with a firm "not good enough" scribbled right across them.

Mr Skates is still sitting on a decision on returning Brook Street and Union Street to two-way saying that consultations remain ongoing. How much consulting do you need to do? It's not rocket science to recognise that a massive mistake was made and needs rectifying.

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Another problem has emerged on Welshpool's roads with the entrance to both the town's fire and ambulance stations being blocked by queuing traffic at busy times and particularly on Bank Holidays when holidaymakers pass through in their thousands.

Yes, there's a yellow box junction on the road which motorists shouldn't enter, but there's no warning for them so drivers are blocking the entrance before they know it.

Powys County Council could rectify the situation overnight with flashing warning road signs which would at least give motorists a chance while neighbouring property owners could be encouraged to cut their hedges back too.

Kim Fawcett is now a human rights lawyer

Robert Stuart McClelland was jailed for rape

Brave Kim has now set up a support group

Rape attack victim Kim speaks out about ordeal

A brave rape victim has told of the effects the attacks in Oswestry had on her. JONNY DRURY reports

A WOMAN has spoken of the horrifying sexual abuse she suffered as a 13-year-old at the hands of her mother's boyfriend in Oswestry.

Human rights lawyer Kim Fawcett has waived her right to anonymity to speak of the profound impact the attacks had on her.

Kim, 29, was groomed and raped in Oswestry as a child by truck driver Robert Stuart McClelland.

McClelland, 57, met Ms Fawcett's mother on an internet dating website, and acted as a father figure to her before attacking her on numerous occasions. She became pregnant and contracted a sexually transmitted disease before she informed authorities of what she had been through. He was jailed for six years in 2004 for the attacks at his home in the town, and served two years. Now Ms Fawcett has set up a support group for other sufferers. She says she hopes by speaking out she will help others to report abuse they may be suffering.

She said: 'Since the abuse, I've had very low self-esteem and have struggled with suicide and depression. I often feel worthless and disgusting and like I was to blame. I wanted the group to be a space where women did not have to worry about putting on a brave face or hiding a secret. Where people could come and be exhausted or angry or ashamed, and not have to hide it, but to feel understood and supported. I want to break down the shame that victims feel after being affected by the trauma and help them realise it's not their fault and it's nothing to be ashamed of."

Kim Fawcett was attacked by her mother's boyfriend in Oswestry

Ms Fawcett revealed she was raped again at 16 while in Crete, and has twice attempted to take her own life.

However after moving from her home near the Shropshire border to start a new life in Bristol, she has set up the support group and has started to come to terms with her own situation after being diagnosed with post traumatic stress disorder.

Her harrowing story began when her mother met McClelland online. Her relationship with her father had broken down and the paedophile told her he was a real father figure to her. He showered her with gifts and began to groom her. It was one day when she was 13 when her ordeal began.

Her mother sent her off to stay with McClelland at his home in Oswestry, where he plied her with alcohol and raped her for the first time.

He scratched the date into a bottle as a memento. Kim described how he bragged to other truckers at his workplace about what he had done, and continued to sexually attack her in his truck. She believed he was in love with her, and admitted she was dependent on him. She said: "He would pick me up from school, wearing a muscle vest, to rape me and no one would mind. He would often rape me in the quarry, or his van, at my mother's house and at his.

"He was my first kiss, my first everything. I believed he was completely in love with me and I was completely dependent on him."

At 14 Kim started getting stomach pains and discovered she was three months pregnant.

McClelland told her to have an abortion, and when she did she was told she had a sexually transmitted disease.

Following this she told a family friend about what she had been through, and this was her escape route.

Kim informed the police because she didn't want it happening to other girls.

When police searched his property, the bottle was found that had a date scratched into it. Also text messages sent to Kim were found.

He was charged by police in 2003 and convicted at Chester Crown Court. McClelland was released after serving just two years of his sentence, which had a lasting effect on Kim. She said: "For him to then be released just two years into his sentence shows to me a complete lack of understanding as to the horror of childhood trauma and how we view child abuse as a society. It added to my false belief that it couldn't have been that bad."

And her ordeal was not over. She was raped again by a bartender in Crete. After the attack she went into foster care where she attempted to take her own life. She made another attempt on her life when she was travelling in Australia. After recently being diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder she learned she would have to wait eight months for counselling. Unwilling to wait for help, Kim took it on herself to create her own support group, founding the Survivors of Abuse and Sexual Violence Bristol Group. Waiving her anonymity meant, she spoke to the Bristol Post and since then the support group has doubled in size.

WORKING FOR YOU

The referendum was very clear when 17.4 million people voted for Brexit, the largest vote for anything in British history. The people voted to ensure democratically elected politicians take back control of our laws, our borders and our money. In February, 494 MPs voted to trigger Article 50 of the Lisbon Treaty which was then delivered by the Prime Minister in March. We will leave the European Union at midnight on March 29, 2019. Article 50 requires us to repeal the European Communities Act 1972 and to ensure smooth continuity we need to nationalise the Acquis Communautaire; this is the entire corpus of European law which affects every one of us every day. Parliament returns this week and the Second Reading of the European Union (Withdrawal) Bill will be considered. This Bill will repeal the European Communities Act 1972 and will ensure that we leave the EU in good order; this is about ensuring smooth continuity for businesses. Over the summer, the Government published 11 policy papers to present to the EU negotiating team as we prepare to leave. Last week, The Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union concluded the third round of EU exit negotiations in Brussels. Leaving the Single Market and the Customs Union is a prerequisite for expanding our trade around the world, because we are, in the main, a services economy and any services negotiation is a negotiation on domestic regulation, which we must control. Spiteful protectionism from the European Commission would accomplish nothing but impoverish all sides.

The Prime Minister has been on a visit to Japan to discuss our economic and political ties.

There are over 1,000 Japanese companies directly employing 140,000 people in the UK; many Japanese businesses have a physical presence in the UK including Nomura bank, Hitachi and carmakers Honda, Nissan and Toyota. During the Prime Minister's visit, Aston Martin announced a £500 million trade and investment deal with Japan. Scotch whisky exports increased 18 per cent to £75.8 million in 2015. Next month I will be travelling to Washington D.C. to give a speech on Brexit whilst highlighting the Special Relationship between the UK and the US. I will meet American politicians, businesses and policy groups to promote Britain's vision of amicable, reciprocal free trade between sovereign nations and good friends.

Owen Paterson
North Shropshire MP

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Shropshire STAR

People first? Not on evidence of London

PEOPLE first? No, not on the evidence of London – especially since the fire. Had anything like this happened abroad, in underdeveloped countries especially, the UK would have been on the ball with physical and financial help. The charities would have done rapid response work. This has not happened here.

People are still left unsure. Financially, physically and mentally, badly damaged or broke. How can those who have lost everything prove who they are so they have access to aid or even their own money and insurance? They're having real difficulties.

Without a proper address many of their needs cannot be met. Yes, money is being put in. Yes, measures to secure other buildings are starting, but what is happening to the people? They're adrift. It will cost millions, the millions being spent on developments like HS2 will go a very, very long way to secure the safety and stability of these people, yes, people, not numbers – communities, not isolated peoples. New methods of building would help them all to look to a real future, not too far away, with friends and family nearby. This could and should be done, while the future of the flats are debated and action taken. These people are now refugees in our own, their own, country, with little real hope.

BA FLOWERS
Newport

Secrets of self defence revealed to girls

No, they're not preparing for the rigours of the playground for the new term. These are girls of Moreton Hall School who in October 1982 were shown the art of self defence by expert Chriss Biffen during special courses organised by the school.

MPs should use column to tell us what they have done

PLEASE could the editor start demanding that the MPs contributing the 'Working for You' column actually stick to the brief?

Surely the purpose is to keep people informed about what they are doing locally and at Westminster on our behalf? Owen Paterson (August 24) treats us to a beautifully selective set of statistics about unemployment; extolls the virtues of zero-hours contracts (though at the same time reassures us that they are a tiny minority); revels in the inflation figures, managing to not only invoke the bogeyman of the '70s yet again but also mention Margaret Thatcher of blessed memory (while pleasingly ignoring how people are getting ever-poorer due to wage stagnation); and then he finishes with a flourish of cherry-picked economic prediction about what might happen after Brexit.

Now, I know it's the summer and maybe Mr Paterson has had a holiday and hasn't been 'working for us' as hard as he would normally, but should he then not relinquish the privilege of the platform the column affords him until he actually has something to tell us about what he has personally achieved or at least worked on for his constituents, rather than abuse it, at best, for merely enjoying attaching his name to things for which he has no direct responsibility or, at worst, for the purposes of blatant Government propaganda? Alternatively, re-name the column to something more accurate, like 'Working for No 10', or 'Sucking Up to the Boss'.

MIKE ISHERWOOD
Oswestry

Don't turn your back on someone who loves you

IF you met someone and they deliberately turned their back on you, the message would be quite clear – hurtful, snubbed, rejected.

Could you really do that to someone who loves you?

Well, the majority are doing that all the time to someone.

They want him dead, really, yes.

Jesus came into this world with a message of love and he healed those who were ill; the lame, deaf, blind, because he loved them and wanted the best for them.

But they rejected him and wanted him dead because he showed them up for what they really were – selfish sinners.

Yes, and that's what most people do with Jesus today, turn their backs and want him dead.

But he came from heaven to save and heal us because he loves us.

He doesn't condemn us, he just wants to put Heaven in our hearts and save us from Hell.

RON JONES
St Martins

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Where have our manners gone?

I CAN remember being told as a child by my father when he caught me dropping a sweet wrapper "if there isn't a rubbish bin, take it home and put it in the dustbin".

Unfortunately, things have degenerated, people have become more selfish and uncaring.

There are very few who are taught manners and I very often experience people either forcing their way into the shops, or not checking that all those getting off the bus are off before they force their way on.

MARTIN EDDIES
Shrewsbury

It is no wonder the Remoaners are still around

CAMERON dangles the referendum carrot.

Farage lies about the ramifications of Brexit.

Then they both do runners.

The people who voted Out having been fed false information.

Mrs May, a Remainer, takes the reins as a Brexiteer.

She calls an election to strengthen her hand.

This backfires.

To cling to power she bribes the zealous extreme DUP party to buy votes.

Did this billion pound bung drop from the money tree?

Is it morally justifiable?

Now we find ourselves in such a mess with inflation rising, the pound struggling, the national debt has increased by £555 billion under the Tories.

All this and a weak unstable government.

No wonder there are still Remoaners about.

ROD SHAW
Shrewsbury

The volunteers are so crucial

THE year 2017 brought the 25,000th child attending our Shrewsbury and Oswestry Crucial Crew event, which was held at Nesscliffe Army Camp in June.

I would like to thank everyone who contributed in some way to this successful event.

In particular, I would like to thank Nesscliffe Army Camp, all the safety scenario personnel and volunteers, the members of various Rotary groups who not only supported us with regular volunteers but also sponsored our T-shirts.

There are too many volunteers to mention by name but you all know who you are, without you our event would not take place.

Finally a big thank you to all members of the management team.

Well done, another successful year.

If we make a difference to the life of one child in any small way, then it has all been worth it.

Well done everyone.

JEANETTE OWEN
Shrewsbury

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Singers looking for members

THE Guilsfield Singers are looking for new members.

Margaret Clennett from the group said: "Do you enjoy singing? Ever thought of joining a choir? Why not come along to the Guilsfield Singers open rehearsal on September 14 and see what it is like?

"You can come along to watch or listen, or have a go yourself. The choir will be starting to look at the music for our Christmas concerts, so some of it may be familiar to you. The choir rehearses on Thursday evenings at Guilsfield Old School behind Guilsfield Church from 7.30pm to 9.30 pm, with a short break halfway through for tea or coffee. Just turn up on the night, or for more information phone Diana on (01938) 555249 or Val on (01938) 554047."

The choir has a wide repertoire and sings in a variety of venues.

Following its recent set at the Llanwddyn Folk and Acoustic Festival, the choir's next performance will be a supper concert at Montgomery Town Hall on October 7.

Qualifications delight for staff

AN independent estate agents is celebrating after all nine members of staff gained an advanced professional qualification.

The team at Woodhead Oswestry Sales and Lettings achieved the Advanced Associate Members of The Guild of Property Professionals certificate. To pass the exam, the staff were required to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of crucial industry skills in 40 modules, including valuing, property appraisal, marketing and promotion. The qualification is renewed annually to ensure staff maintain the highest levels of knowledge.

Man tried to strangle his wife during attack

Report by David Banner

A MAN has been given a suspended jail sentence after trying to strangle his wife in bed.

Nigel Leach, 53, admitted two charges of assault following the incident during the early hours of Monday last week.

Flintshire Magistrates Court was told that when the victim's two adult sons came to her rescue, Leach left but returned with a kitchen knife. Magistrates heard that he lunged at her and during a subsequent struggle ended up assaulting one of his sons.

Leech, of Cilcoed in Chirk, was said to have become paranoid.

Prosecutor Nia Lloyd said the alarm was raised shortly after 1am when the victim said Leach had tried to strangle her and that he had a knife.

Police attended and she told officers how they went to bed as usual but he grabbed her around the throat, tightened his grip and she struggled to breathe. She ended up with cuts to the hand and bruising to the throat.

During the incident their son sustained cuts to his hands.

Bethan Jones, defending, said that he accepted entirely how terrified his wife and family must have been.

"He is extremely distressed and remorseful," she said.

Leach received a 26-week prison sentence suspended for two years.

He was placed on rehabilitation, ordered to carry out 180 hours unpaid work, and pay £85 costs and a £115 surcharge. Leach was also banned from the family home for the next two years.

Red Arrows treat for helpful air cadets

Rob Evans from Oswestry Air Cadets captured this image of the Red Arrows

AIR cadets from Oswestry had an extra reason to smile when they witnessed a flypast by the world famous Red Arrows.

People at the Shrewsbury Steam Rally at Onslow Park were delighted by the sight of the famous planes.

Rob Evans, from Oswestry Air Cadets, who took this picture, said: "Our air cadet squadron from Oswestry took part in the massive Onslow Steam rally near Shrewsbury.

"Tasked mainly with crowd safety as the old vehicles and steam engines made their way to and from the show arena, at the end of the Sunday some of the cadets were rewarded with a chance to steer some of the gigantic steams engines around oil cans placed in the arena.

"The Red Arrows performed a wonderful flypast which I just managed to capture nicely."

The show was hailed as a massive success by organisers.

Organiser Edward Goddard said: "We had an absolute bumper event, we haven't come to the numbers yet but it has to be a record.

"People were queueing to get in before the gates opened.

"We had the Red Arrows fly past, that was a real attraction, it topped the day off."

Presenter lodges his objection to pig farm bid

A TV presenter is among a host of residents who have objected to a planning application for a pig farm that will house up to 2,000 animals.

An application has been submitted by GW and WW Jones of Hill Farm in Montgomery for two pig rearing units, that will help with a partnership with Stockcroft Ltd who supply meat to brands such as Waitrose and McDonalds.

It will include a new roofed building to store the manure prior to it being spread across the farmland.

Objectors have argued that the application has been misleading and residents have not long realised where the units will be.

They have argued the original application was for a site in Hyssington, eight miles from Montgomery.

A petition has been signed by 105 residents and Monty's Brewery, one of the biggest companies in the area has lodged its objections to it.

Owner Russ Honeyman said in an objection letter that he had concerns about airborne contaminants and smells causing problems with the brewery.

TV wildlife presenter and one of the most recognisable faces in the area, Iolo Williams, has lodged his objections to the plans.

He said he was horrified by the application and said it has no place in rural Mid Wales.

Currently the farm, run by Will and Debbie James, has 840 cross breading ewes and it also has 217 breeding ewe lambs.

Within the application, it states that pigs will go into the system at 7kg and out at 110kg, with the expectation that there is 2.2 cycles expected per year.

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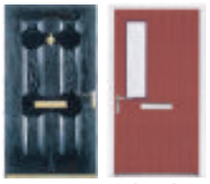

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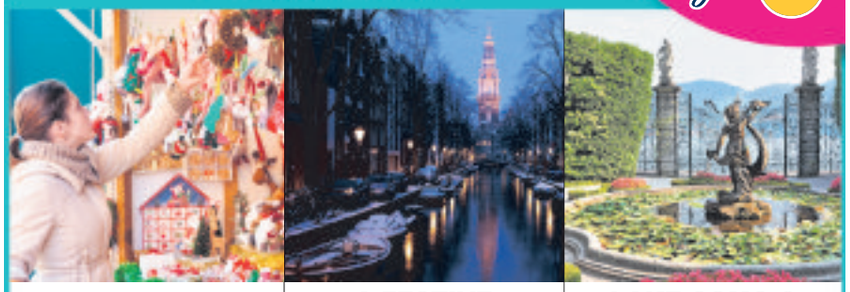

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Heritage in spotlight as events take place

THE Oswestry Heritage Gateway, which works in the interests of Old Oswestry hillfort, is organising free events for the town's Heritage Open Days.

On Saturday archaeologist Dr George Nash will be sharing his expert insight into Old Oswestry's 3,000-year-old history in both a lecture and walk.

Dr Nash starts with a talk at 11am in Oswestry's Hermon Chapel about the First World War links between Park Hall military camp and the hillfort, where practice trenches were dug for troops to train. At 6.15pm, he will lead a walk of the hillfort, highlighting the significance of the monument through the ages based on its strategic borderland position and expansive views over the landscape.

As the Great British Bake Off returns to our screens, Oswestry can enjoy a home-made serving of kitchen antics, with a dollop of history, at a free showing of the Oswestry Heritage Bake-Off film.

As part of last year's festival, the town pulled together to film all the drama, gaffs and innuendo of its own baking competition during a hectic 24 hours. Film-goers can relive the icing mishaps and soggy bottoms when the curtain rises at Kinokulture Community Cinema on Saturday at 4.40pm.

The Oswestry Heritage Gateway will also be launching its newsletter, 'Hillfort Watch', with information on the conservation efforts of volunteers working with English Heritage and other hillfort initiatives. Oswestry's heritage programme is headed up by Mark Hignett of the Oswestry Town Museum working with Shropshire Council and numerous groups and historical attractions.

Restaurant's application refused over road fears

Report by Sue Austin

A POPULAR new restaurant has been refused planning permission because of the dangers of the road outside.

Hayes Barn is a bed and breakfast business on the edge of Oswestry.

Recently it has been expanding, offering up-market themed nights, street food style evening meals, Sunday lunches and afternoon teas.

This week Shropshire Council planning officers refused a formal planning application to use the premises as a restaurant and drinking establishment.

Planning officers had agreed that the restaurant could open pending their decision.

Ian Kilby for Shropshire Council, in announcing refusal of planning permission, said the site access to the development from Racecourse Road was on a section of road along which vehicles tended to travel at high speeds.

He said: "Visibility is severely restricted in both directions by the adjacent property boundaries and horizontal alignment of the highway carriageway."

Louise Johnson-Rose of UK Surveyors, who submitted the planning application on behalf of Hayes Barn, said: "We would never take a project on if we didn't think it was a viable option.

"From our angle this isn't the end of the line, we will be exploring every avenue and addressing around the refusal.

"Unless the issues can be resolved we will be going to an appeal on the application, we are not going to give up on this."

The planning application attracted 64 letters of support and 28 letters of objection.

Spending more than a penny on toilets

Some of the pupils take a look at the toilet block paid for by the project

CHILDREN in a Kenyan primary school no longer have to go off into the bush when nature calls.

A toilet block has been built at the Sosoni Primary School where in the past, 450 children shared just two toilets.

Money for the work came from secondary school pupils of Lakelands Academy in Ellesmere who held fundraising events from cake sales to non-uniform days.

The money, £780, was handed over for the Kenyan Schools Project, a charity run by Bill and Lynn Morris from Oswestry.

Mr Morris said: "The Year 9 pupils at Lakelands, under teacher Ian Crilly, have been raising money for our Kenyan Schools Project for many years."

"It is great that the teenagers do something for children in Kenya and also they can see where the money they raise goes.

"The work has all been done by builders in Kenya. Now the toilets are finished there is a plaque saying that it had been built thanks to Lakelands Academy." The Kenyan Schools Project has donated everything from paper and pens and hundreds of desks to classrooms, toilets and even the electricity supply to schools and orphanages.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Pavement cafe bid thrown out

A PUB has been refused permission to set up an outdoor pavement cafe over fears it would lead to anti-social behaviour.

Wetherspoons will not be allowed to install four tables and eight chairs in front of its Wilfred Owen pub in Oswestry's Willow Street.

Shropshire Council planning officers said there were concerns about access potential anti-social behaviour.

Planning case officer Janet Davies said: "The proposed introduction of a pavement seating area within the proposed town centre location, close to the highway and an entrance to the park, raises health and safety concerns and could potentially lead to anti-social behaviour to the detriment of the amenity of the area for residents and visitors."

Four arrested in terrorism probe

FOUR alleged members of banned neo-Nazi group National Action have been arrested on suspicion of preparing acts of terror.

The men, including a 32-year-old from Powys, were detained as part of a "pre-planned and intelligence-led" operation, said West Midlands Police.

The men are members of the army.

The force said there was "no threat to the public's safety".

All four are being held at a police station in the West Midlands and a number of properties are being searched.

Montgomeryshire MP Glyn Davies spoke of his shock at the news, saying: "The arrest of a member serving in the army from Powys, together with three other serving members of the army from different parts of the UK, demonstrates that the evil of terrorism can lie anywhere, and that we must always remain vigilant."

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Landowners' lynx support

FIVE landowners in Mid Wales have said they would consider taking part in a project to re-introduce lynx into the country.

In 2015, the Lynx UK Trust put out a plea for anyone who would be willing to allow their land to be used and now they say five landowners have come forward.

If the Lynx UK Trust wanted to bring the animals to Wales, it would have to apply for a special licence from Natural Resources Wales.

However, the plans have been met with objection from the National Sheep Association who fear the animals would pose a threat to sheep.

Questions sought for police boss

RESIDENTS are being encouraged to send in their questions to a police and crime panel.

People in Mid Wales can now submit questions to the Dyfed-Powys Police and Crime Panel for it to put them to Commissioner Dafydd Llywelyn.

They can submit questions on any issue relating to the commissioner's role such as the force budget, the police estate and how he monitors the work of the Chief Constable. Panel members can also submit their own questions to be put to Mr Llywelyn, who attends all the meetings of the panel. Panel chairman Councillor Alun Lloyd Jones said: "We would like to encourage public engagement with the panel, and enlist their help in holding the commissioner to account."

Questions can be submitted via www.dppoliceandcrimepanel.wales

Go-ahead is given for 25-house development

Report by Jonny Drury

PLANS have been given the go-ahead for a 25-home development.

The site is located near the A458 trunk road east of All Saints Church on land adjacent to The Fron, Middletown near Welshpool.

EM and AR Paddock have been successful in their application, which will provide 14 two and three bedroom semi-detached houses, seven, three to four bedroom detached homes, and four, four to five bedroom detached homes.

Within the planning report discussed by the Powys County Council planning committee there were a number of objections to the plan.

Trewern Community Council said it was concerned about access to the site and the stretch of road, but did state it recognises the benefit of providing car parking for the church, which is included in the development. Powys County Council's countryside services was against the plans as plots 22 and 23 "restrict byway five".

Local councillor Dawn Bailey raised various concerns including the impact the plans would have on a Grade II-listed house, the church and Cefn Y Castell monument.

However, due to a lack of housing supply in the Powys, the application was passed by the committee with conditions.

Council planning officers had recommended approval of the plan as long as conditions were met.

Extra trainer is brought in at centre

Operations manager Matt Pryce and Charlie Butler of CB Fitness

WELSHPOOL Flash Leisure Centre is hosting a second personal training business after the number of people wanting to get fit in the area soared.

The centre on Salop Road underwent a £1 million refurbishment at the end of 2016 to improve the fitness suite and state of the art gym.

After opening, fitness and nutrition brand Zenith Fit moved in to supplement three in-house instructors. The number of people wanting personal training has jumped from virtually none to hundreds in just 10 months.

Due to the spike in numbers, CB Fitness, run by former combat medical technician Charlie Butler will now open at the centre from October 1. Operations manager Matt Pryce, said: "Since the refurbishment the gym has gone from strength to strength with many new members joining and personal training goes hand-in-hand with this, although we never expected the demand to be quite so high. It's a true success story and we are delighted to be assisting so many Welshpool residents step-up their fitness and training."

Campaign to keep open path proves a success

CAMPAIGNERS who fought to keep open Welshpool's famous "wiggly path" through the grounds of the former Ardwyn Nursery School are celebrating.

Governors at the newly named Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng asked the council to secure the Ardwyn site and it was announced that the pathway through the grounds would have to close after over 60 years.

But now the council has announced the path will stay open and is being fenced off from the school in a move that meets safety concerns of the children and allows the public to use the valuable link between the town and Red Bank.

Campaigners had demonstrated by forming a human chain along the pathway and Graham Breeze, the countycCouncillor for the Llanerchyddol Ward, took their protests to the council's education department and announced the decision.

"It is heartening to know that the officers have listened to our views and while we must always be aware of the safety of the schoolchildren a valuable compromise has been found," he said.

"The alternative route for people taking pushchairs and prams up Red Bank, where there is no pavement, was extremely dangerous and the council has recognised the issues.

"Fencing off the path was the best solution."

Alan Crowe, who fronted a campaign and organised the human chain, was delighted by the decision.

"This is really good news," the campaigner said.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Village show was another success

ORGANISERS say this year's Rhydycroesau Show was another enjoyable occasion.

Spokeswoman Sue Nabb said: "We had a fantastic show president in Wendy Roberts and there was a brilliant atmosphere on the field with great fun being had by all. There was plenty to do and see, everything from wellie wanging to crockery smashing, horse show and a very well supported dog show. A fantastic display celebrating the 100th birthday of Vera Lynn was a popular feature as was the sheep shearing returning for a second successful year."

Among the trophy winners was Steph Jones with Bailey who won the overall winners cup at the dog show and Rosie Jones with Jack who won the best child dog handler prize.

Choir to return for performance

THE Shawbury Military Wives Choir will make a return visit to Welshpool on October 1 to perform at a concert in the town's Methodist Church.

Also appearing will be the Porthywaen Silver Band and hit recording star Tammy Jones.

The concert will raise money for the Military Wives charity and will commence at 7.30pm with doors open at 7pm. Tickets are £7.50 and available in advance from Welshpool Jewellers or Theatre Hafren Box Office.

Music at chapel

A COMMUNITY chapel is hosting a programme of regular music events this autumn.

Offa Events is putting on a series of artists in Black Park Chapel in Chirk near Oswestry.

Dervish, one of the biggest names in Irish music, is the first to play in the chapel on October 3 at 8pm.

Cricket stars in town to raise money for charity

Former England spinner Monty Panesar played in the match

The Lashings XI took on a team from Oswestry

Cricket fans came out in numbers to see the stars play

Lashings of fun!

CRICKETING stars from all over the world were in action in Oswestry as part of of their fundraising work.

Report by Jonny Drury

Dubbed the world's best cricket club and the Harlem Globetrotters of cricket, the Lashings XI are made up of stars who go around playing Twenty20 matches against clubs and raising money for charity.

To date they have raised millions of pounds – and the team was at Morda Road to take on Oswestry Cricket Club on Thursday last week.

Wasim Jaffer, Abdul Razzaq and former England spinner Monty Panesar were part of the line-up that faced the Oswestry first XI.

Panesar, who has 50 Test caps, has travelled around with the Lashings side for 18 months raising money for various charities.

He said it was good to be able to go and raise money for worthy causes, but also increase participation in cricket.

He said: "It is good to go around and bring first class cricket to rural areas like this, and give people the opportunity to meet their heroes and talk to them on a personal basis.

"I've been with the side for 18 months and it is great to raise money the charities that we do. And if we can do that, and also increase participation in sport and get more youngsters involved, this project is a real winner.

"We don't know much about Oswestry, but we've never lost a game and we want to keep that going today."

Panesar and his team mates spoke to youngsters before the game and took part in sessions with local children.

And there was also a special guest, with the presence of Test Match Special's Henry Blofeld, who at 77 is retiring after this season's final Test against the West Indies. Blowers offered some commentary for the Lashings and said he would be offering more support to the team following his retirement.

Henry Blofeld, right, offered expert commentary

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Members of club enjoy trip to pub

OSWESTRY is lucky to have inherited a beer baron in its midst with an unrivalled knowledge of the world of craft beers.

And recently, he treated members of the town's 41 Club, who packed into his Bailey Head pub, to a novel 'beer tasting' of a dozen of the best.

Most originated from micro breweries, many in Wales, including an authentic German weiss beer brewed in Bala.

CAMRA enthusiast and tester Duncan Barrowman left his native Kent in search of a freehouse pub, not tied to a brewery, and became 'mein host' at the popular Bailey Head.

His counter selection of around a dozen cask ales, rotated regularly, is attracting true beer drinkers from a wide area and his vast knowledge of the trade was passed on to club members.

Roadworks see meeting cancelled

AN Oswestry group has cancelled its regular meeting because of roadworks in the town.

Oswestry Spiritual Centre was due to meet at the Memorial Hall this evening (Thursday).

But a group spokeswoman said the meeting has had to be cancelled because of the ongoing roadworks in the town.

Val Laundy from the group said: "Due to the road closure and resurfacing works carrying on in English Walls we are cancelling our evening demonstration meeting."

The roadworks on English Walls and Smithfield Street are being carried out after a survey found the surface was in an "alarming" condition.

The works on the road should take up to 10 days to complete, town councillors were told recently.

Plea for drivers to obey rules at fire station

Report by Jonny Drury

COUNCILLORS are calling for action over motorists blocking the exit to a fire station.

Staff at Welshpool Fire Station have issued a plea to drivers who have been stopping across the entrance to the station, blocking fire engines and potentially delaying them in their efforts to attend emergency calls.

The problem came to a head over the recent bank holiday weekend when Welshpool ground to a halt with tailbacks throughout the town.

The exit onto Severn Road is marked with a yellow box junction, where drivers are not permitted to stop. County Councillor Graham Breeze said the situation, which also affects the neighbouring ambulance station, is a "disaster waiting to happen". He said: "Something really does need to be done because this is a problem that has been going on for a while.

"I can understand that these are motorists who probably don't know the area and don't know there is an ambulance station there.

"I believe talks have been held with Powys County Council regarding getting something done about the problem.

"There is so much traffic on that road coming into the town, and it is more evident on bank holiday weekends like we have just had.

"The engines there could be coming out to an emergency to see anyone, and it could be you or me it is going to help.

"Something needs to be done because it really is a disaster waiting to happen."

Motorists have been disobeying road rules outside Welshpool Fire Station, leading to safety concerns

Mr Breeze's fellow Welshpool County Councillor, Phil Pritchard, has taken the issue up with the local authority, and has previously suggested signs be put in place to warn drivers when they are approaching the stations.

He said: "There appears to be an agreement from Powys highways that something needs to be done, and that signage can be put in place.

"It is being worked on at the moment and is a work in progress. A meeting has been arranged with the station officer but these things don't happen overnight. If it is here in six months I will be happy, but if something is in place in three months I will be delighted." Firefighter and former councillor Brendan McWhinnie believes problems have become worse since the introduction of Welshpool's one-way system.

He said: "There have been further problems this weekend, however it didn't happen at a time when there was a call out and it didn't effect our level of response."

Experts to share their knowledge at symposium

DOCTORS and physiotherapists from across the region will descend on Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital for the annual Sports Injury Symposium.

The hospital is home to some of the leading sports injury consultants and physiotherapists in the country who have treated a number of international athletes from a wide spectrum of sports over the years.

Delegates at the symposium, on Thursday next week, will be welcomed by Stuart Hay, a shoulder, elbow and trauma surgeon, who has put the programme together with the support of the Orthopaedic Institute.

Mr Hay said: "There is a wealth of expertise here, and we want to make sure it is being fully utilised.

"Whether the patient in front of us is an international football star or what we like to call a 'weekend warrior', the level of care they receive is just the same. This symposium is about highlighting the breadth of skills and knowledge we have to offer and raising awareness with local GPs and physiotherapists, who are very often the first port of call for a patient suffering with a sports injury."

Speakers include the sports injury team of Simon Roberts, Pete Gallacher and Andrew Barnett.

Sports and exercise medicine physician, Dr Chris Tomlinson, will also be addressing the delegates, as will specialist physiotherapy practitioners Andrea Bailey and Julie Lloyd Evans.

There will also be a presentation by Andrew Bing, a foot and ankle specialist, and talks on shoulder, elbow and hand injuries from Richard Potter, Marck van Liefland and Ibrahim Roushdi. Jai Trivedi, a consultant spinal surgeon, will talk on the spine in sport.

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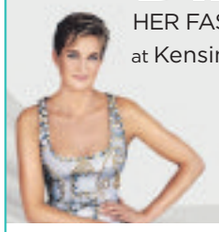

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Volunteers praised for canal work

EFFORTS from volunteers have helped to remove an old railway embankment as part of the Montgomery Canal Restoration project.

The charity that cares for the canal has started work on its lottery-funded project to open up different areas of the canal both sides of the Shropshire/Powys border.

The latest work was on the embankment which was created on the Oswestry-Welshpool railway line when an old bridge was removed after the canal was closed.

The railway itself was closed in 1965 and the bank was left to obstruct the derelict canal. Wendy Capelle, waterway manager at the Canal and River Trust, said: "We're totally amazed to see what the volunteers have achieved by removing the old railway embankment from the line of the Montgomery Canal at Pant.

"Their hard work and dedication has saved our charity thousands of pounds, which we are extremely grateful for.

"The dream to restore the Montgomery Canal, one of Britain's most picturesque canals, is progressing well thanks to the hard work of the volunteers and the recent donation from Heritage Lottery and other funders which has kick-started a £4 million project.

"Working together we're aiming to fully restore the canal within the next 10 years."

Chair of the Montgomery Canal Partnership, John Dodwell, also heaped praise on the volunteers.

Roadshow to give advice on growth

BUSINESS owners will be able to get free support and advice to help their companies grow at a roadshow.

The Shropshire Growth roadshow, on behalf of the Marches Growth Hub, will head to Oswestry to deliver a three-hour workshop.

The workshop is for established business owners to signpost them to the national and local business support and funding that is available.

Amy Farley, from the Marches Growth Hub Shropshire, said: "It can be difficult for small business owners to step away from the workplace and find the time to explore the opportunities and support that is relevant to them.

"It is a fantastic opportunity for companies to explore the support they need to implement their growth plans, unlock potential in their business and take the first step towards realising their business dreams."

The session will be held at Oswestry Cricket Club on Wednesday next week.

The session will be starting at 9.30am and finishing at 12.30pm.

Registration is online at www.businessgrowthroadshow.co.uk

Rotary members told of condition

BORDERLAND Rotary Club welcomed Lynda Morgan of the Powys Dyslexia Support Group to its latest meeting at Sweeney Hall Hotel near Oswestry.

Explaining the background and purpose of the group, Lynda highlighted the challenges that those with dyslexia face.

The condition appears in many different forms, often undiagnosed and therefore progress through the traditional education system is hampered meaning that levels of achievement often suffer.

The support group strives to inform and support both schools and students to achieve early diagnosis and plan ongoing management of the condition.

It points out that many successful people have not let this condition prevent them from achieving their potential.

More information on this subject and others associated with dyslexia is available at powysdyslexiasupport.co.uk

Warning given over algae danger at beauty spot

Visitors are being advised not to take a dip in the Mere or let their pets go in or drink the water

Some of the blue-green algae in the Mere at Ellesmere which has caused the alert

DANGEROUS blue-green algae has appeared at a beauty spot near Oswestry, with people told to stay away from the water.

Visitors are being advised not to take a dip in the Mere at Ellesmere or let their pets go in or drink the water as a precautionary measure after a number of suspected blue-green algae blooms have again appeared on the lake.

Blue-green algae are a common form of bacteria that occurs naturally in inland waters, estuaries and the sea. Blooms usually form in shallow water that is subject to strong sunlight, and are a blue/green colour.

If the blue-green blooms are swallowed, they can cause stomach upsets in humans and more serious illnesses in pets.

Shropshire Council has put up warning signs around the Mere to warn residents about the algae.

Stuart Edmunds, from Shropshire Wildlife Trust, said: "Blue-green algal blooms are natural annual features of some water bodies across the UK and will be benefiting from ideal weather conditions in Shropshire over the last few months. People may be exposed to the toxins in blue-green algae through contact with the skin (e.g. when swimming), through inhalation or by swallowing contaminated water.

"These toxins can cause skin rashes, nausea, vomiting, stomach pains, fever and headaches. Occasionally they can cause more serious illness such as liver and brain damage."

There's plenty of thrills but no spills at 'friendly show'

Show president Phil Ellis presents the cup for most points in the cookery and preserves section to Catherine Howells

Barry Price received the Gardening Challenge Cup at the popular show

Llanfyllin Show president Phil Ellis and his wife Jane present the cup for most points in the children's handicrafts section to Sienna Williams

Report by Jonny Drury

AUSTRALIAN quad bike stuntman, the Kangaroo Kid, proved a popular star attraction at Llanfyllin Show as he and his partner gave two thrilling performances which kept spectators glued to the action.

Gold Coast stuntman Matt Coulter, who ended up in hospital with a dislocated shoulder after crashing his quad bike spectacularly whilst jumping a Jones Brothers dumper truck at the Royal Welsh Show, had promised to attempt the stunt again at Llanfyllin.

This time the dumper truck was supplied by Hawk and the Kangaroo Kid added a car and a pick-up truck to the jump challenge for good measure and kept the crowd entertained with lively commentary.

To the relief of the spectators, he completed the jump successfully and was then kept busy outside the show ring signing autographs for children.

Around 5,000 people from across Wales and the border counties attended the show as gate receipts were up on last year.

The annual event, which has developed a reputation the "friendly show" because of the warm welcome extended to visitors, is held at Bodfach Park by kind permission of the Bodfach Trust and Janet Jones.

Entries were again up across most sections of the show with the 180-foot marquee for horticulture, cookery, craft, art and floral art bursting at the seams. Section secretary Bethan Jones said a second marquee was planned for next year to accommodate the expanding competitions.

President Phil Ellis and his wife Jane present the cup for best collection of wild flowers and grasses to Eos Jones

The Kangaroo Kid is airborne as he makes his daring jumps at the show

President Phil Ellis and wife Jane present the rose bowl for the most points in the cookery and preserves section to joint winners Dawn Edwards and Rachel Jones

Council gives a reminder over waste

HOLIDAY accommodation providers are being reminded by Powys County Council of their responsibilities for the waste they produce.

Any waste or recycling produced from these premises is classed as commercial. Businesses including self-catering holiday accommodation providers have a legal duty of care to store, transport and dispose of their commercial waste in a professional manner.

The council's Waste and Recycling Team has been writing to hundreds of businesses across the county to remind them of their responsibilities.

For most businesses, all they need to do is simply show the documentation they receive when they use an authorised waste carrier or licensed facility.

The documentation provides an audit trail which verifies that they have exercised their duty of care and their waste has ended up in an appropriate recycling or disposal facility.

The council are ambassadors for the 'right Waste, right Place' campaign, which aims to help small businesses comply with the law around waste. The law is important to safeguard public health and the environment and it makes sure waste ends up in the right place.

Councillor Phyl Davies, cabinet member for waste and recycling, said: "It's great that Powys is such a beautiful place to visit and attracts a lot of holiday accommodation but this does generate extra waste and recycling for which there is an additional cost to the taxpayer.

"Most businesses in the county comply with the law and pay for their commercial waste to be collected by the council or an alternative registered company."

Help for firms hit by rate increases revealed

Report by Dominic Robertson

A FUND worth £1.3 million will be split between more than 1,000 businesses hit by hikes in business rates under plans unveiled by Shropshire Council.

The authority has been working on its business rate relief scheme for several months, and came under fire in June for not making the money available earlier.

The government has put up £1.3million to help businesses in Shropshire affected in this financial year.

The funding will continue for three years but will reduce considerably year-on-year – to £635,000 for 2018/19, to £262,000 for 2019/20, and £37,000 in 2020/21.

Any of the funding not handed out will then be taken back by the government.

Under the council plans it is estimated that more than 1,100 businesses will be eligible for the rate-relief fund.

The money will help mitigate against increases in business rates brought about by the first revaluation of properties in seven years. It means some businesses face an increase in bills of up to 42 per cent.

A report prepared by James Walton, Shropshire Council's head of finance, states: "Council officers have identified 1,129 businesses with a rateable value between £15,000 and £200,000 that have seen an increase in their net rates."

Councillors will discuss Mr Walton's report and the plans are likely to go out to consultation.

Canal enterprise the subject of talk

Dave and Tim Barker told rotarians of their canal business

A FATHER and son team who run a canal-side business were the guest speakers at a recent member of Oswestry Rotary Club.

The club members said they were thoroughly entertained by Dave and Tim Barker of Maesbury Marsh's Bywater Cruises.

The pair's social enterprise business gives regular horse drawn narrowboat cruises on a passenger boat "Countess of Maesbury" on the navigable seven-mile stretch of the Montgomery Canal.

The cruises are available from Canal Central at Maesbury Marsh.

Rotarians were told that cruising quietly through the beautiful Shropshire countryside at the steady speed of their boat horse Cracker, visitors can see the locks and old warehouses at Rednal and Queens Head.

Pulling on his flat cap to get into character for their presentation, Dave commenced by giving a brief history of the development and purpose of the Montgomery Canal until its abandonment in 1944 and some insight into the restoration programme that is ongoing to join up the navigable stretches from a junction with the Llangollen Canal near Ellesmere in Shropshire to Newtown in Montgomeryshire.

Tim invited members to visit Canal Central on September 15 - 17 when Bywater Cruises is hosting the Maesbury Canal Fayre, a fun showcase for local hobbyists or tradesmen with a talent

Development land comes on to the market

DEVELOPMENT land near Oswestry, which comes with outline planning permission for 13 residential dwellings and with a dedicated private access road through a tree lined avenue, is on the market with a guide price of £350,000.

Hengoed development is situated in a rural position.

Yet the development is well placed for commuters to Oswestry, three miles; Shrewsbury, 18 miles; Chester 24 miles; the Midlands and North West are also within easy reach.

The development land, which extends to 1.7 acres, is marketed by Balfours.

Head of sales, Alistair Hilton, of Balfours comments: "Hengoed Development is in a beautiful rural setting.

"It has a very pleasing approach through a smart avenue of young trees.

"It sits on the edge of the hamlet of Hengoed, near Gobowen and Weston Rhyn where many local facilities are within easy reach.

"The location also offers an excellent mix of state and private schools within the vicinity."

For more information about the development land people can call Alistair Hilton of Balfours on (01743) 353511. Alternatively they can visit www.balfours.co.uk

Patriotic websites

FIRMS are being encouraged to highlight their Welsh identity online.

Nominet, the company behind the Welsh website domain names, has teamed up with a number of domain name registrars to offer businesses and individuals .cymru and .wales.

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Parking fee at hospital on increase

CAR parking charges at Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital have risen for the first time in a decade.

Drivers now have to pay £2.50 to park for a day at the hospital.

The fee replaces the previous charge of £2 which has been in place for the last 10 years.

Bosses say parking at the hospital is still cheaper than many other hospitals in the region.

Phil Davies, head of estates and facilities, said: "This is the first rise to our car parking prices since they were introduced a decade ago.

"Car parking is the first point of contact for many users of our services and we are committed to maintaining quality standards that mirror our patient care. We have faced increasing costs from managing our car parking spaces effectively and have plans to introduce further spaces in convenient locations that will further improve the overall patient experience.

"The additional revenue generated from the increased charges will support sustained high quality car parking provision.

"We have also recently updated our car parking machines in order for them to take the new £1 coins, making parking at RJAH as easy as possible for visitors."

The cost of weekly car parking tickets that are offered at RJAH will remain the same price at £8, while the hospital will also still offer its special car parking ticket price of £10 for 10 visits.

Staff helped to get off couch and get active

HOSPITAL staff after being offered the chance to swap their wards or offices for the outdoors as part of a fitness challenge.

Weekly 'Couch to 5k' sessions are going to be held for Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital staff in a bid to encourage them to improve their fitness and get active.

Staff's friends and relatives have been invited and it is hoped that the nine-week exercise programme will culminate in those who attend the sessions feeling ready to take part in a 5k park run.

During the first week, those who take part will begin with a five-minute warm-up walk before alternating between 60 seconds of walking, with 90 seconds of running, for a total of 20 minutes.

Each week the aim is for the running times to increase and the programme has been backed by NHS Choices.

Ellen Harrison, cancer patient pathway co-ordinator who works in the Montgomery Unit at RJAH, will be leading the sessions. She said: "The 'Couch to 5k' programme is really just about getting people moving and active."

The first session will take place on September 21.

Choir to raise roof at charity concert

A MALE voice choir will raise the roof while raising funds for charity.

The Maelgwn Male Voice choir, from Llandudno will perform at Holy Trinity Church, Oswestry, on September 30.

The concert will begin at 7.30pm and proceeds will go to Macmillan Cancer Support. It has been organised by David Morris who lost his daughter to cancer and this is his second fundraiser for charities connected with the disease.

"I hope people will support this event. To listen to the singing of a genuine Welsh choir is a unique and moving experience," Mr Morris said.

During the concert the choir will welcome to the stage their supporting artist, well known soprano, Mary Lloyd-Davies. The conductor is Mereid Mair and accompanist will be Sian Brach. Tickets are available from Oswestry Visitor Centre, by calling (01691) 662753 or on the door.

Burning desire demonstrated by letters project

Museum volunteers Charlotte Phillips and Mark Hignett with Geoff Hardy and Peter Roscoe from Shrewsbury LGBT history group promote the project

Artist Olivia Winteringham is involved in the letter-writing project

AN appeal for people to write and post their love letters was due to culminate today (Thursday) with a letter burning ceremony.

The project is part of a special event taking place as part of the Heritage Open Days festival in Oswestry.

Gilbert & Gordon: Then All The World Could See How In Love We Are is a public art project inspired by the love letters exchanged between Second World War soldiers Infantryman Gordon Bowsher and his lover Oswestry-based Gunner Gilbert Bradley which were discovered by Mark Hignett of Oswestry Town Museum.

Artist Olivia Winteringham has been working with volunteers at the museum to invite young and old to compose love letters which will be committed to a Flame of Remembrance. The ashes from all the burned love letters will be transformed in a commemorative diamond ring designed and produced by Ami Pepper from Heart of Diamond in Derby.

The flames were due to be lit today in a ceremony on the Bailey Head, led by former Flight Lieutenant Caroline Paige the first openly transgender officer to serve in the RAF. The fire will be extinguished at 1941hrs on Sunday. Over the weekend, visitors are invited to write their love letters and commit them to the flames, as well as take time to visit the museum to see an exhibition about the letters. Curator, Mark Hignett will be presenting a talk about the collection on Saturday at 2pm.

Fireworks display lights up railway's big gala event

Steam enthusiasts came from all over the country to enjoy the Welshpool and Llanfair Light Railway gala

A spectacular sight as fireworks light up the sky. Photo: Andrew Charman.

Steam trains were a huge draw for many visitors at the railway's gala

Report by Jonny Drury

TRAIN enthusiasts descended on the region for a three-day steam gala at a light railway.

Welshpool and Llanfair Light Railway hosted the three-day event with train displays and rides and a much-anticipated eight miles of fireworks taking place.

Enthusiasts enjoyed a host of attractions including one of the weekend's highlights, the 'Little Layouts' model railway exhibition organised by railway member Martin Rich. Held in the Raven Square sheds in Welshpool, which have undergone further access improvements since last year's gala, the exhibition featured at least five model railways on show plus live steam.

Meanwhile, Llanfair Caereinion saw the long-awaited return of Hunslet 2-6-2T No.85, built in 1954 for the Sierra Leone Government Railways and repatriated by the Welshpool and Llanfair Light Railway in 1975.

Among the many attractions at Llanfair were stands and displays including more model railways with live steam. Works locomotives were demonstrated for visitors, while vintage steam traction engines and rollers were on show.

The highlight for many visitors was the eight miles of fireworks being let off.

In what was described as a "true first" the sky between Llanfair Caereinion and Welshpool was an explosion of colour.

The event on Saturday evening saw fireworks set off along the eight-mile route of the Welshpool and Llanfair Light Railway.

The fireworks show also featured a pyro-musical display at the Llanfair yard.

Volunteer Bruce Webber helped out at the railway's gala event over the weekend

The sun shone during the gala which attracted people from a wide area

The highly popular steam gala brought lots of visitors to the region

PROPERTY

YOUR WEEKLY GUIDE TO HOME BUYING AND LETTING

Edwardian home is set in generous and elevated grounds

OSWESTRY £615,000

Rhyddallt on Croeswylan Lane in Oswestry is one of the most prestigious houses in Oswestry.

An imposing Edwardian home set in generous and elevated grounds looking towards open countryside yet within easy walking distance of the town centre, it is for sale through Bowen Son & Watson at £615,000.

The property retains a host of original features and spacious and flexible living accommodation.

To the ground floor the three main reception rooms are linked by folding doors to create a superb entertaining space which also opens onto the terraced gardens. A comfortable snug links onto the kitchen with associated pantry and a ground floor study. To the first floor the master bedroom suite includes a large en-suite and dressing room which opens out onto a balcony. The guest bedroom has a separate en-suite whilst the three other bedrooms are served by a family bathroom and shower room.

Outside the property has large well-maintained gardens with a raised terrace taking full advantage of the views. A purpose built double garage and a variety of outbuildings are sympathetically set within the grounds.

Rhyddallt is situated on Croeswylan Lane one of the most exclusive areas of the historic town of Oswestry. The town centre is a short walk away and offers a host of shops, restaurants and other amenities. There is easy access onto the A5/A483 providing direct access to the city of Chester and the county town of Shrewsbury which both offer a wider range of facilities as well as access to the motorway network beyond. The nearby train station at Gobowen offers direct rail links to Birmingham and Chester.

The town has a good range of primary schools together with the excellent Marches Academy Secondary School. These are complemented by a number of renowned private schools including Oswestry School, Morton Hall, Packwood Haugh and Ellesmere College.

KEY FEATURES

- Edwardian
- Generous elevated grounds
- Open countryside views
- Original features
- Five bedrooms, two en-suite

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Four bedroom family home offers spacious living

GOBOWEN
£164,950

Town and Country in Oswestry is delighted to offer to the market, 12 Trinity Close, Gobowen, a superb property which is not what it seems.

Stop and look again because once inside this spacious four bedroom family home you will be captivated by every detail which has been carefully thought through and beautifully presented.

The property is on the market for £164,950. Accommodation comprises entrance hall, living room, kitchen/dining area, cloakroom, first floor landing, master bedroom with en-suite, three further bedrooms, study, bathroom and second floor landing.

To the front of the property is a paved and slate area with parking for two cars.The rear garden is all enclosed by wooden fencing, with a paved patio entertainment area, pebbled surround, steps leading

to a raised garden area, wooden gate to the side of the property leading to the front of the property, outside lighting and an outside tap.

The living room has wood effect flooring, windows to the front, modern wall mounted electric fire, coved ceiling, radiator, telephone and TV point.

The kitchen area has a good range of base and wall fitted units.

The dining area has tiled flooring, a patio door to the rear garden and a radiator.

Viewing is highly recommended to appreciate this property and its convenient location.

Contact Town and Country in Oswestry on 01691 679631 or visit www.townandcountryoswestry.com

Recently completed four bedroomed barn conversion offers 'wow' factor

KYNASTON
£549,950 >>>

Packed with the "wow factor", Treginford Barn in the hamlet of Kynaston near Kinnerley is a recently completed four bedroom barn conversion within equidistance of some 10 miles to Oswestry and Shrewsbury.

It is for sale through Balfours at £549,950. Agent, Duncan Scobie, of Balfours said: "This is an exceptionally well designed conversion. While it dates back to the mid-1800s, its' recently completed conversion provides a magic mix of character and contemporary. That is maximised through original oak timbers quite literally highlighted through the magnificent expanses of glazing."

The wow factor is made the most of on the first floor with a magnificent gallery landing open to the glazed frontage.

Contact Balfours on 01743 353511.

Charming home situated in desirable area on outskirts of town

OSWESTRY
£335,000 <<<

A charming three-bedroomed detached house in a desirable residential area on the outskirts of town, 32 Hampton Rise, Oswestry, is for sale through Bowen Son & Watson at £335,000.

The ground floor includes large spacious rooms whilst the first floor includes a large family bathroom. The accommodation briefly comprises an entrance porch, entrance hall, cloakroom/WC, a dining room, a lounge, a kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, three bedrooms and a family bathroom.

The property stands on an excellent plot with mature front and rear gardens, a driveway and double garage. Oil central heating and double glazing are installed throughout.

The selling agents are expecting a great deal of interest to be shown in the sale of this home.

Contact Bowen Son and Watson on 01691 595003.

Grade II home benefits from outstanding views of countryside

LLANFECHAIN
£695,000 >>>

Outstanding views are as valid a reason today for calling Llys Uchaf home, as they would have been when this property was first built in the 17th century.

Today its timber framed construction is celebrated with Grade II listing; the five bed property also includes a detached barn and some 12 acres of grounds. The village of Llanfechain is just over a mile away, while Welshpool and Oswestry are each 11 miles. Approaching the steading a wooded copse, stream and wildlife pond, set the scene, these are superseded by paddocks flanking the drive.

Internally Llys Uchaf wants for nothing; the fully equipped kitchen, family room is highlighted by sky lights adding extra light to the south and north facing windows.

The home has a guide price of £695,000.

Contact Balfours on 01743 353511.

Spacious detached property overlooks picturesque valley

LLANGYNOG
£450,000

Ty Hywel at Llangynog near Oswestry is on the market through JJ Dell and Co with a guide price of £450,000.

The home is a spacious detached property situated in a large plot overlooking the valley with the benefit of an adjoining paddock.

The home benefits from oil fired heating and double glazing.

The property's accommodation comprises a reception hall, living room, breakfast kitchen, a dining room, a utility and a cloak room. The home also has four bedrooms, bathroom and ensuite.

There is a store room and ample car parking.

The property sits in a large plot and the home also has a hot tub. The property is situated on the outskirts of the village of Llangynog in the picturesque Tanat Valley and affords fine views across the neighbouring farmland and surrounding hills.

The village of Llanrhaeadr and its good local facilities and primary school is just five miles away. The traditional Welsh town of Llanfyllin is 10 miles away.

The property is an individually designed spacious detached dormer house constructed traditionally of stone and brick under a slated roof.

The home is set in all approximately two acres access via a wide six bar gate onto Tarmacadam driveway with ample parking and turning area.

There are front and side lawned gardens and a large side pergola with patio area.

Contact JJ Dell and Co on 01691 653437 and 680212.

Detached home on a substantial plot comes with good gardens

OSWESTRY
£176,500 <<<

A charming detached three-bedroomed property on a substantial plot, 74 Llys Road, Oswestry is well presented throughout and has parking for numerous vehicles.

With generous lawned gardens and a wood burning stove in the lounge, it is for sale through Morris Marshall & Poole at £176,500. With gas central heating and double glazing, its accommodation briefly comprises an entrance hallway, a lounge with the wood-burning stove, a dining room, a kitchen, three bedrooms and a bathroom.

The private gardens include a generous lawned area with hedging and fencing for privacy with a paved patio area and shrubbed borders. The attached single garage has an up and over door, an integral door to the kitchen and an external door to the rear.

Contact Morris Marshall & Poole on 01691 679595 for more details.

First time buyer activity continues to see growth

First time buyer activity continued to grow in the UK in June with lending to this sector up by 26% compared to the previous month and up 9% year on year.

The latest figures from UK Finance show that this equated to 36,000 loans, up 22% month on month and 6% year on year.

The data also shows that home owner remortgage activity totalled £6 billion, up 5% by value on May and 7% year on year with loans totalling 34,300, up 5% month on month and 6% on a year ago.

Gross buy to let totalled £3 billion, up 3% on May and up 3% compared to June 2016. These equated to 19,700 loans, up 3% month on month and 6% year on year.

On a non-seasonally adjusted basis, UK Finance data shows that mortgage lending in the second quarter also rose. Home buyers borrowed £34.4 billion, up 18% quarter on quarter and 24% on the same quarter in 2016.

Within this, first time buyers borrowed £14.8 billion, up 18% and 10% while home movers borrowed £19.6 billion, up 19% and 21%. Home owner remortgage activity totalled £16.9 billion, down 11% by value on the first quarter but up 1% on a year ago.

Gross buy to let totalled £8.4 billion, down 6% compared to the first three months of the year but up 5% on the second quarter of 2016.

"June's figures show a busy month in the mortgage market, with home movers having their highest monthly activity levels for over a year and an especially high number of loans for first time buyers," said Paul Smee, head of mortgages at UK Finance.

"Buy to let activity remains subdued compared to its 2015 peak but consistent month to month since stamp duty changes in April 2016. But there are also signs of a softening market and we are not anticipating that this performance will be sustained in the second half of 2017," he pointed out.

"A slightly lop-sided market could well show some growth in house purchase lending but alongside reduced remortgage and buy to let activity," he added.

The figures also show that affordability metrics for first time buyers saw the typical loan size increase from £137,000 in May to £139,000 in June. The average household income increased to £41,000 from £40,500. This meant the income multiple went up from 3.58 to 3.59.

The average amount borrowed by home movers in the UK increased to £180,000 from £177,000 the previous month, while the average home mover household income increased month-on-month from £54,900 to £55,200. The income multiple for the average home mover went up to 3.39 from 3.37.

Buy to let activity was driven by remortgage lending which accounted for over two thirds of total lending.

Buy to let house purchase and remortgage activity in June remained consistent with monthly levels seen since the change on stamp duty on second properties introduced in April last year.

Growing equity release market helping more to buy homes

New figures show how the growing equity release market is helping first time buyers in the UK get on the housing ladder.

Equity release has helped the equivalent of 13 first time buyers a week in the first half of 2017, highlighting how important it has become for the current housing market. The report from Retirement Advantage shows how relatives are using the equity in their home to help family members who are otherwise struggling to save for a deposit for their first home.

Ladder

The data reveals that in the first six months of the year some 2% of customers said they were purchasing an equity release product so that they could help a first time buyer. Over the same period, figures from the Equity Release Council show that there were 16,805 new equity release customers nationwide.

By applying its experiences across the whole of the UK, Retirement Advantage estimates this equates to 13 people each week being helped on to the first rung of the property ladder thanks to equity release.

"Much has been made of the financial support first time buyers get from relatives. What we are seeing is that existing property wealth is a significant source of finance for that support," said Alice Watson, head of marketing at Retirement Advantage Equity Release.

"As the equity release market continues to boom and products grow in popularity, helping first time buyers comes up consistently as a common reason for choosing to release equity," she explained.

"People want to use the value stored away in their properties to treat themselves in retirement, in the shape of home improvements or holidays, but they want to help loved ones too.

"For the majority of over 55s, property is their single biggest source of wealth," she pointed out.

"Combined with the growing trend of families helping first time buyers onto the property ladder, it is likely we'll see many more people become property owners thanks to equity release over the coming months and years," she added.

One in five landlords plans to sell from portfolio

One in five landlords in the UK plans to sell at least one property from their portfolios in the next 12 months despite seeing more demand for lettings, new research shows.

While 22% want to sell, some 18% are planning to buy more properties to add to their portfolios, according to a survey of almost 3,000 landlords published by the Residential Landlord Association (RLA).

In the last six months the proportion of landlords who have added to their portfolio is down by 7%, and the proportion who have reduced the size of their portfolio is up by 2%.

The quarterly research survey also found that 33% of landlords have seen an increase in demand for homes to rent over the past three years and faced by an imbalance in the supply and demand for rental properties, 47% indicated that they expected to increase rents over the next year.

The main reason for raising rents seems to be the phasing out of mortgage interest relief which began in April with 35% saying being taxed on their turnover rather than their profit is why they are set to increase rents.

While a number still want to increase their portfolios, the 18% is down from six months ago and the proportion who plan to reduce the size of their portfolio has increased. This finding could signify that landlords are preparing to reduce the size of their portfolios in reaction to policy change, the report suggests.

"As demand continues to increase for homes to rent, punitive tax changes are discouraging investment by the majority of good landlords who want to provide accommodation. Whilst efforts by the Government to support institutional investment in the sector are welcome, this will remain a drop in the ocean," said RLA chairman Alan Ward.

"To meet demand, we need pro-growth taxation that actively supports and encourages the majority of landlords who are individuals providing good housing, to invest in the new homes to rent we so desperately need," he added.

The survey also found that almost one in three landlords reported that they attempted to evict a tenant in the past 12 months with the majority, 60%, saying this was due to rent arrears, with tenants owing on average £1,000. The report says this is a serious concern, and future changes to the sector could exacerbate this issue, especially the changes to mortgage interest relief.

Regarding the impact of welfare reform, the findings present a stark account of issues associated with the introduction of universal credit. Of those who let to tenants on universal credit or housing benefit 38% reported that they have experienced universal credit tenants going into rent arrears in the past 12 months.

The survey shows that 53% of landlords successfully request an Alternative Payment Arrangement, but 45% reported that the DWP were unhelpful when contacted. The issue of rent arrears for universal credit tenants, is also one of the leading reasons for a landlord attempting to regain possession of the property with 64% of landlords saying so.

The report says that these findings suggest that reform to universal credit is needed. "The Government needs to ensure that it is easier for landlords to claim alternative payment arrangements and ensure rent arrears are kept to a minimum.

"Without these reforms, landlords may continue to be unwilling to provide homes to those on universal credit," it points out.

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NO GOING BACK FOR DIANA

INSIDE

YOUR WEEKLY ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

X Factor's Diana has Look of Love

Diana Vickers, who found fame on X Factor, will recreate the magic of Dusty Springfield when she stars in Son of a Preacher Man at Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre from Tuesday to September 16.

The production tells the story of three broken hearts, one Soho hang-out, and the only man who could ever help them.

Diana was thrilled to be asked and announced the role on Instagram: "Very excited to announce I will be starring in the brand new stage show of Son of a Preacher Man.

"Very much looking forward to working with a great team on what I think will be a gem of a show! Hope to see some of you there."

Choreographer Craig Revel Horwood added: "I am delighted to bring to life for the very first time this wonderful story created by Warner Brown, with soulful songs from the legendary Dusty Springfield's iconic music catalogue.

"I hope that audiences will come to love this warm-hearted and uplifting new musical as much as I do."

New Alexandra Theatre spokeswoman Fiona McCartney says: "Welcome to the Preacher Man, the swinging 1960s Soho joint where the kids danced the night away to the latest crazes and dared to dream of love, while the legendary owner, The Preacher Man himself, dispensed advice to cure the loneliest of hearts.

"Only, that was a long time ago and all that remains are the memories, the stories and the myths. Until now, that is, when three random strangers, generations apart but all in need of help with their hopeless love lives, are inexplicably drawn to the site of the original venue.

"The Preacher Man is long gone, but his son, with help from the wonderful Cappuccino Sisters, might just find it in himself to channel the spirit of The Preacher Man and once more give these three lovesick strangers the look of love."

ATTENTION

The play features the greatest hits of Dusty Springfield, including The Look Of Love, I Only Want To Be With You, Spooky and the classic Son Of A Preacher Man.

Directed and choreographed by Strictly Come Dancing's Craig, it stars Diana (Little Voice, Rocky Horror Show, X Factor), Debra Stephenson (The Impressions Show, Bad Girls, Coronation Street) and Ian Reddington (Benidorm, Shameless, Robin Hood).

Diana first came to the public's attention when she was a semi-finalist on the 2008 edition of X Factor. She hit the road with her fellow finalists after the show before landing a career in the West End.

She had been prepared for stardom by taking singing lessons as a youngster in Blackburn – though she didn't sing professionally until adulthood.

Her X Factor entry came about with a cover of Damien Rice's hit The Blower's Daughter, which dazzled Louis Walsh and Cheryl Cole among others. Simon Cowell described her as a Marmite artist – who he loved.

He later signed her to his label and her debut album, Songs from the Tainted Cherry Tree, later became a number one and earned her a gold disc.

Gradually, the star also developed an acting career after starring in a newly- revived West End production of Jim Cartwright's The Rise and Fall of Little Voice in October 2009 at the Vaudeville Theatre, on The Strand, London.

She played a character called Little Voice, impersonating such singers as Shirley Bassey, Edith Piaf and Judy Garland.

She also moved into the movies after landing a debut film role alongside Clint Eastwood's son in The Perfect Wave, which was about surfing and the power of life and death. Diana developed a fashion line, described as boho-chic and hippie-influenced, that was inspired by Brigitte Bardot and Marilyn Monroe. And she has remained busy ever since, combining her fashion dreams with roles in theatre.

Most recently, she played Janet in a touring production of The Rocky Horror Picture Show. And there are plenty more roles that she'd like to play. She's a fan of Grease and would like to play Sandy. "I'd love to. Although Rizzo would be incredible, you'd rather be Rizzo wouldn't you, because she's just sexier? I like bad characters!"

Though she works formidably hard, Diana takes time out to switch off and relax. Her favourite hobby is reading and she gets sucked into a good book.

"I do a lot of baking when I'm stressed. And I love exercising, running, gym classes, yoga, interval training. Then just normal things like chilling with my friends, playing music loudly . . . and having a glass of wine after the show always helps!"

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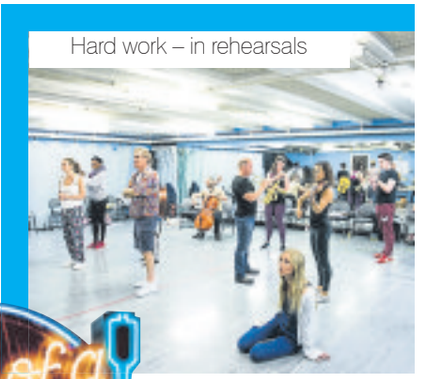
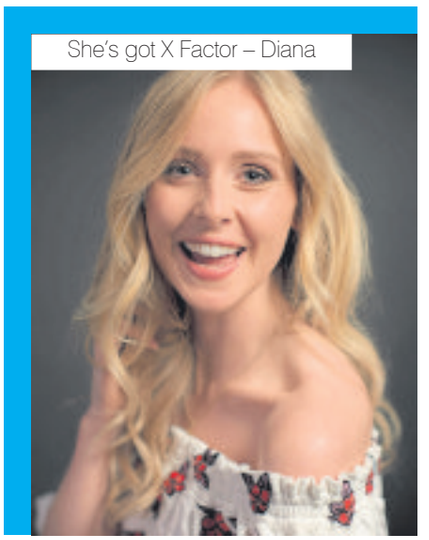
Diana will bring the hits of Dusty Springfield back to life


Hard work – in rehearsals

Star cast – Debra, Ian and Diana


She's got X Factor – Diana

Artist returns to her origins for exhibition

An artist who appeared in the Shropshire Star days after she was born is returning to the area where her career first started.

Sally-Ann Davies, originally from Forden in Mid Wales, now lives in New Zealand and was a triplet born to David and Pat Davies in 1970.

Along with brothers Charles and John she featured in the Shropshire Star 47 years ago. After growing up in Mid Wales, she studied fine art at John Moores University in Liverpool before moving to New Zealand to start a successful teaching and art career.

Now – 20 years after he first ever exhibition in Oswestry – the triplet is back for three months to show her work in the town where it all began.

The 'summer exhibition' on landscapes, which Sally-Ann specialises in, will run until September 23 in the Willow Gallery in Oswestry.

She said: "It is exciting to be back after all these years.

"Mum and dad have kept all the cuttings and photographs from when we were in the newspapers all those years ago.

"We were well known for it in the local area, being the triplets, but it isn't really talked about anymore.

"I went over to New Zealand as an art teacher but my main passion is my art and exhibiting it, something I want to do more and more.

"It was 20 years ago when I had my first work exhibited in the Walls restaurant in Oswestry where I had a part-time job. So to come back to where I had my first piece exhibited is fantastic and I am very much looking forward to having my work in the Willow Gallery." Sally-Ann, who graduated in 1994, spent a couple of years in Yorkshire before moving to New Zealand 17 years ago.

Currently she is on a sabbatical from her job at a high school in Taup and has been selected for an art residency in Tuscany.

Signing of treaty will be recognised at event

An ancient county town in Mid Wales is preparing to turn back the clock 750 years to celebrate the signing of a famous landmark treaty.

On September 29, 1267, King Henry III of England and Llywelyn ap Gruffydd, Prince of Gwynedd, signed the Treaty of Montgomery at Rhydwhyman Ford, Caerhowell.

The ford was a key crossing point of the River Severn at the time.

The landmark treaty recognised Llywelyn as the Prince of Wales.

It gave him territories in Wales and England.

In return, he swore loyalty to Henry.

It was the first time that an English ruler had recognised the right of a Welsh prince to rule over Wales.

To mark the 750th anniversary on September 29, there will be a short re-enactment of the treaty signing at Rhydwhyman Ford in Montgomery with local schoolchildren taking part.

Later in the evening, there will be a Medieval Banquet and entertainment in the Town Hall, tickets for which will be available shortly.

Montgomery's award-winning brewery, Monty's Brewery, will commemorate the event with a celebratory brew which will be available throughout the weekend.

The celebrations are being organised by Montgomery Town Council and partners.

Councillor Cerys Thomas said: "This is an historic event for Wales and we're looking forward to marking it in Montgomery with a host of activities for the people.

"We've got plenty of history in Montgomery and we've had different re-enactments before but we've never had a 750th anniversary before so this is something special for us.

The celebration will be held in Montgomery

"We're looking forward to it and I hope everyone else is looking forward to it, and will come out to watch."

On September 30, there will be a medieval encampment based at Montgomery Castle.

The camp will allow visitors to learn about life in the 13th century and to see clothing, food and weaponry from the period.

Children will have the opportunity to dress up and handle weapons safely and there will be mock tournaments and skirmishes.

The Treaty of Aberconwy of 1277 superseded the Treaty of Montgomery and severely curbed Llywelyn's power.

In December 1282, 15 years after the original treaty, Llywelyn was killed in a surprise attack in Cilmeri, near Builth Wells.

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* AN initiative which brings big screen cinema to rural towns has received funding to show even more blockbuster films. There was concern from Welshpool residents that Flicks in the Sticks, which brings a travelling cinema to town once a month, was ending when it went into the summer break with no confirmation of Welsh Government funding. But Welshpool Town Council has now confirmed it will return. The first screening will be Lion (PG) starring Dev Patel and Nicole Kidman, on Monday. It starts at 7pm and admission is £3.50. Refreshments are available and for more information contact the Welshpool Tourist Information Centre on 01938 552043.

* THE first staging of an outdoor opera has been hailed a success. More than 70 people went to Llanfyllin Workhouse last weekend to see North Wales Opera Studio perform. A company of 11 young and aspiring singers, assisted by experienced professionals, staged performances of excerpts and arias from operas by Verdi, Puccini, Mozart, Lehar and other composers. The evening ended on a high note with a scene of revels from 'Die Fledermaus' and a rendering of Puccini's Nessun Dorma from tenor Nicholas Buxton. North Wales Opera Studio is led by international soprano Anne Williams-King and her husband David Bartleet, and aims to give talented singers of all ages the chance to discover and develop their voices. They hold regular workshops and courses culminating in staged performances. More live music can be heard at the Workhouse on September 17 when Cafe Lola, Teulu and John Browne will be performing.

* BIRMINGHAM Literature Festival celebrates its 20th anniversary this year. The 2017 event runs from October 7 to 15 and is being sponsored by Virgin Trains. Details of festival events at venues across the city are on the website birminghamliteraturefestival.org. Gary Younge will be talking about his new book Another Day in the Death of America in the Studio Theatre at the Library of Birmingham on October 7 at 8pm. Comedian Joe Lycett will be joined by fellow Brummie and MP for Yardley Jess Phillips for an At Home evening in Birmingham Town Hall on October 11 at 8pm. Joe has written Parsnips, Buttered about how to win at modern life. On October 14 Stuart Maconie will be talking about his new book Long Road from Jarrow in the library theatre at 8pm. He will also be leading a tour to a secret destination from Birmingham New Street Station the previous evening.

* VOLUNTEERS are holding a promise auction to raise money for a life-saving defibrillator. Residents in Selattyn are hosting the event at the Cross Keys pub in the village at 7pm on Sunday. There will be over 30 auction lots including a hamper from Derwen College, an afternoon at the Lion Quays near Weston Rhyn, meals at a number of restaurants and lots more. The money raised will be spent on purchasing a defibrillator which can be used by anyone in the community to save someone's life.

Coming soon...

Festival to pull in the crowds

Thousands of people are expected to flock to a festival which celebrates one of the most beautiful parts of Shropshire's landscape.

The annual festival in Ellesmere, called Merefest, celebrates the Meres and Mosses area, which holds a group of wetlands created during the Ice Age.

The event will take place on September 16 at Cremorne Gardens next to the Mere and will feature live music, a literary tent and stalls.

New to the festival this year is water zorbing, a climbing wall and mountain biking.

There will be the usual craft fair, canoeing, Rowton Brewery bierkeller, falconry, fishing, archery and bushcraft sessions.

Organisers say Merefest is a festival of two halves – the daytime activities run throughout the day, then from 5pm the site will become the Merefest Twilight Zone, featuring more live music, a Wild Shropshire pop-up restaurant and entertainment from Fizzgigs.

In addition to craft marquees and food stalls, there will be more than 30 activities for children and adults to enjoy – from fishing and willow weaving to falconry displays and canoeing. There will also be opportunities to meet some of the wildlife of the Meres and Mosses at displays and at mini-beast hunts and pond dipping sessions.

Festival spokesman Stuart Edmunds said: "Merefest has rocketed from year to year in terms of numbers attending."

Chance to see fighter

FANS of mixed martial arts fighter Conor McGregor have a chance to see their hero in Birmingham. 'An Evening With Conor McGregor' including a live interview, will take place at Arena Birmingham on September 28. McGregor is an Irish professional in mixed martial arts who is currently signed to the Ultimate Fighting Championship.

He is the reigning UFC Lightweight Champion, and former UFC Featherweight Champion. In 2008, McGregor started his mixed martial arts career and in 2012, he won the Cage Warriors Featherweight and Lightweight Championships, holding both titles before signing with UFC. In 2015, McGregor defeated José Aldo for the UFC Featherweight Championship with a knockout 13 seconds into the first round which was the fastest victory in UFC title fight history. He is known for being the biggest pay-per-view draw in MMA history. In 2016, he was the first MMA fighter to crack into the Forbes top 100 highest paid athletes list. Despite his huge MMA success, McGregor maintained an interest in boxing competitively again, and entertained the idea of a fight with Floyd Mayweather Jr. After months of campaigning and negotiating, it was officially announced in June that McGregor would compete in his first professional boxing match against the undefeated American. The fight took place in August in Las Vegas with the American coming out the winner. Tickets are on general sale via www.theticketfactory.com or by calling 0844 33 88 222.

Tasty treats for all

Some big names in the world of food and drink have been announced to bring their craft to the Ludlow Food Festival. The festival will be staged in the grounds of Ludlow Castle – with extra events and attractions at various venues in the surrounding town – tomorrow (Friday), Saturday and Sunday. This year will see Heston Blumenthal's right-hand man Ashley Palmer-Watts make an appearance, as well as not one, but three faces from the former BBC hit show Great British Bake Off.

There will also be a Masterchef Professionals' winner, a star of the Great British Menu, and more than one Michelin-starred chef.

One guest is Howard Middleton, (pictured) who had the last word on the final ever Bake Off to be broadcast on the BBC last Christmas.

Howard's book Delicious Gluten Free Baking will also be available for book signing at the festival.

With him will be previous contestants Val Stones and Sandy Docherty.

September 9

saturday

Len Goodman's Partners in Rhyme

5.40pm

The Strictly Come Dancing judge hosts the lyrical game show, with Angellica Bell, Roman Kemp, Vikki Stone and Wayne Sleep.

Emma

1.50pm

A privileged, headstrong young woman is busy playing matchmaker for her friends - unaware she has found her own soulmate. Jane Austen drama, with Gwyneth Paltrow and Ewan McGregor.

Cannonball

7pm

Andrew Flintoff hosts the action-packed game show, in which contestants tackle a series of water-based, obstacle course challenges in the hope of claiming the Cannonball Cup.

Shakespeare's Tomb

7pm

Documentary revealing the results of a two-year-long investigation into William Shakespeare's grave in Stratford-upon-Avon, which culminated with some surprising finds.

Football on 5: The Championship

9pm

Colin Murray introduces highlights from the weekend's games in the Championship, including Fulham v Cardiff City.

BBC1

6.00 **Breakfast.**
10.00 **Saturday Kitchen Live.** Matt Tebbutt is joined in the kitchen by chefs Yotam Ottolenghi and Josh Katz and guest Kirstie Allsopp. Wine expert Sandia Chung selects the perfect bottle to go with the recipes.
11.30 **Nadiya's British Food Adventure.** Nadiya Hussain concludes her culinary road trip by sampling what Wales has to offer, and is given a crash course in the essential skills of a shepherdess. Last in the series. (R)
12.00 **Football Focus.** Dan Walker and guests look ahead to the weekend's matches, which include Everton v Tottenham Hotspur, Manchester City v Liverpool and Stoke City v Manchester United.
1.00 **BBC News;** Weather.
1.15 **Athletics: Great North CityGames.** Gabby Logan presents coverage from the Newcastle Gateshead Quayside, where the likes of Tiffany Porter, Bianca Williams and Lynsey Sharp are set to compete in a variety of events.
3.15 **Escape to the Country.** Jules Hudson helps a couple from Essex search for a new country home in Cornwall with a budget of £450,000. He also visits the birthplace of British studio pottery. (R)
4.00 **Final Score.** Jason Mohammad presents a round-up of the classified results and this afternoon's news from the Premier League, EFL and Scotland.
5.20 **BBC News.**
5.30 **Midlands Today; Weather.**
5.40 **Len Goodman's Partners in Rhyme.** The Strictly Come Dancing judge hosts the lyrical game show, with Angellica Bell, Roman Kemp, Vikki Stone and Wayne Sleep helping would-be poets through rhyme-based challenges.
6.10 **Pointless Celebrities.** Ruth Badger, Solomon Akhtar, Carl Fogarty, Jimmy Bullard, Craig Phillips, Nikki Grahame, Jamie Laing and Alex Mytton compete in a reality TV-themed edition of the quiz show. (R)
7.00 **Strictly Come Dancing Launch Show 2017.** New series. The ballroom contest returns, with an opening spectacular featuring last year's champions performing their winning routine, plus music from Shania Twain and Rita Ora.
8.40 **BBC News;** Weather.
9.00 **Last Night of the Proms.** The second half of the concert, broadcast live from London's Royal Albert Hall, where the BBC Symphony Orchestra and Chorus mark the 70th birthday of composer John Adams; **National Lottery Update.**
10.30 **Match of the Day.** Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest top-flight matches, including Manchester City v Liverpool at the Etihad Stadium and Everton v Tottenham Hotspur at Goodison Park.
11.55 **The NFL Show.** Mark Chapman looks at the major stories shaping the NFL world, joined by former Super Bowl winners Osi Umenyiora and Jason Bell.
12.25 FILM: **The Rookie (2002).** Fact-based drama about a former baseball player who returns to the big time while coaching a high-school team. Starring Dennis Quaid, Rachel Griffiths and Jay Hernandez.
2.25 **Weather for the Week Ahead.**
2.30 **BBC News.**

BBC2

6.15 **How We Won the War.** Second World War stories from London. (R)
6.45 **The Lancaster: Britain's Flying Past.** John Sergeant examines the history of the Avro Lancaster bomber and examines the role it played in British aeronautical missions during the Second World War. (R)
7.45 FILM: **Vivacious Lady (1938).** A professor marries a brash nightclub singer, but decides to keep the relationship a secret from his conservative family. Romantic comedy, with Ginger Rogers and James Stewart.
9.15 FILM: **The Fox and the Child (2007).** A young girl wins the trust of a wild fox, but her efforts to domesticate the animal have tragic consequences. Drama, starring Bertille Noel-Bruneau and narrated by Kate Winslet.
10.45 **Railways of the Great War with Michael Portillo.** The former MP finds out about rail workers who died during the First World War. (R)
11.15 **Wanted Down Under.** UK families sample life in Australia or New Zealand. (R)
12.00 **Rick Stein's Long Weekends.** The chef takes a culinary break in Lisbon. (R)
1.00 **Coast Australia.** The team explores southern New South Wales. (R)
1.50 FILM: **Emma (1996).** A privileged, headstrong young woman is busy playing matchmaker for her friends – unaware she has found her own soulmate. Jane Austen drama, with Gwyneth Paltrow and Ewan McGregor.
3.45 **Mastermind.** Specialist subjects include Australian Test cricket. (R)
4.15 **University Challenge.** Trinity College, Oxford, takes on University College London. (R)
4.45 **Only Connect.** Three cricket fans take on a team of professional question setters. (R)
5.15 **Gardeners' World.** Monty Don adds late summer colour to the cottage garden and prunes shrub roses. (R)
6.15 **The Big Family Cooking Showdown.** Italian home cooking goes up against traditional Indian food as the Massaccesis from Wiltshire take on the Gangotra sisters from Birmingham. Hosted by Zoe Ball and Nadiya Hussain. (R)
7.15 **Last Night of the Proms.** Katie Derham presents the first half of the BBC's Last Night Prom, live from London's Royal Albert Hall, featuring music that celebrates 100 years of Finland's independence.
9.00 FILM: **X+Y (2014).** Premiere. A teenage maths genius finds love while training to take part in the forthcoming International Mathematical Olympiad. Comedy drama, with Asa Butterfield and Rafe Spall.
10.45 FILM: **What Women Want (2000).** A womanising executive gets a new insight into life when he accidentally gains the ability to hear the thoughts of the opposite sex. Romantic comedy, with Mel Gibson and Helen Hunt.
12.45 FILM: **Miss Bala (2011).** A Mexican woman searching for her friend is captured by a drug gang and forced to aid their trafficking operation. Crime drama, with Stephanie Sigman.
2.35 **This Is BBC2.**

ITV

6.00 **CITV:** Sooty **6.10** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids **6.20** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures **6.45** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures **7.00** Mission Employable **7.05** Oddbods **7.10** Oddbods **7.20** Super 4
7.30 **Scrambled!: Scrambled!** New series. Two hours of children's fun.
7.35 **Scrambled!: The Tom and Jerry Show.** Cat and mouse adventures. (R)
7.50 **Scrambled!: Fangbone.** (R)
8.10 **Scrambled!: The Powerpuff Girls.** (R)
8.30 **Scrambled!: Star Wars: The Yoda Chronicles.** (R)
9.05 **Scrambled!: Adventure Time.** Fun for children.
9.25 **ITV News.**
9.30 **Saturday Morning with James Martin.** The TV chef is joined in the kitchen by guests Gareth Malone and Brian Turner, and attempts to make a trifle in a racing car driven at high speed by Jason Plato.
11.25 **The Hungry Sailors.** Dick and James Strawbridge head farther up the River Fal. (R)
12.20 **ITV News and Weather;** Weather.
12.25 **The X Factor.** The long-running talent contest continues, as Louis Walsh, Nicole Scherzinger, Sharon Osbourne and Simon Cowell judge their second batch of auditionees. (R)
1.30 **ITV Racing: Live from Haydock.** Ed Chamberlin and Francesca Cumani introduce coverage of this afternoon's meetings at Haydock Park, Kempton Park and Ascot, featuring nine races.
4.30 **The Chase.** Quiz show, hosted by Bradley Walsh. (R)
5.30 **ITV News Central;** Weather.
5.40 **ITV News and Weather.**
6.00 **The Family Chase.** Bradley Walsh pits a Wiltshire family against some of the finest quiz brains in the country, in a twist on the popular general-knowledge game show.
7.00 **Cannonball.** Andrew Flintoff hosts the action-packed game show, in which contestants tackle a series of water-based, obstacle course challenges in the hope of claiming the Cannonball Cup.
8.00 **The X Factor.** Dermot O'Leary presents as the third rounds of auditions gets under way, and more would-be stars perform for Louis Walsh, Nicole Scherzinger, Sharon Osbourne and Simon Cowell.
9.15 **The Jonathan Ross Show.** The host is joined by guests Jack Dee, Natalie Dormer and Rag 'n' Bone Man.
10.20 **ITV News and Weather;** Weather.
10.35 FILM: **United 93 (2006).** Fact-based drama about the fourth plane hijacked in the September 11 attacks, which was stopped from reaching its target by the passengers. With Christian Clemenson and Trish Gates.
12.40 **Jackpot247.** Viewers get the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.
3.00 **The Hungry Sailors.** The duo arrive on Guernsey in the Channel Islands, where James goes diving for scallop, Dick milks goats and they sample the local speciality cake. (R)
3.50 **ITV Nightscreen.**

Channel 4

6.10 **Mobil 1 The Grid.** Including a look at how Red Bull's Max Verstappen gets fit.
6.35 **Motor Sport: Volkswagen Racing Cup.** Action from the Brands Hatch Indy circuit.
7.05 **Motor Sport: Mini Challenge.** Action from Oulton Park.
7.35 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** Marie and Debra fall out. (R)
8.00 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** Ray invests $1,000 in a go-kart business. (R)
8.25 **Frasier.** Roz helps Frasier arrange a date for his father. (R)
8.55 **Frasier.** Woody pays a surprise visit. (R)
9.30 **The Big Bang Theory.** Raj tries to date Lucy and Emily at the same time. (R)
9.55 **The Big Bang Theory.** Raj discovers a secret about Howard. (R)
10.25 **The Big Bang Theory.** (R)
10.50 **The Simpsons.** Bart does community service. (R)
11.20 **The Simpsons.** With the voice of Lisa Kudrow. (R)
11.50 **Come Dine with Me.** The competition heads to Milton Keynes. (R)
12.20 **Come Dine with Me.** Louise hosts the second night in Milton Keynes. (R)
12.50 **Come Dine with Me.** The third dinner party in Milton Keynes. (R)
1.25 **Come Dine with Me.** Helen hosts the fourth night of the competition in Milton Keynes. (R)
1.55 **Come Dine with Me.** The final dinner party in Milton Keynes. (R)
2.25 **Big House, Little House.** Aidan Keane comes to the aid of projects in Cheshire and Brighouse.
3.30 **A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun.** Searching for a villa in Estepona on the Costa del Sol. (R)
4.30 **A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun.** A suitable holiday home in Marbella, Spain. (R)
5.35 **Location, Location, Location.** Kirstie Allsopp and Phil Spencer help two sets of buyers in Kent. (R)
6.30 **Channel 4 News.**
7.00 **Shakespeare's Tomb.** Documentary revealing the results of a two-year-long investigation into William Shakespeare's grave in Stratford-upon-Avon, which culminated with some surprising finds. (R)
8.00 **Great Canal Journeys: India.** Part two of two. Timothy West and Prunella Scales explore the Brahmaputra river, where they follow an old trade route, meet a community of monks and take a ride on an elephant. (R)
9.00 FILM: **X-Men: First Class (2011).** The first generation of the superhero team is brought together in the 1960s to avert a nuclear war. Superhero adventure prequel, starring James McAvoy and Michael Fassbender.
11.40 FILM: **The Tourist (2010).** A woman tries to trick the police into thinking a tourist is her criminal lover with his appearance surgically changed. Romantic thriller, with Johnny Depp and Angelina Jolie.
1.25 **Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA.** The fiery chef comes to the aid of Anthony Trobiano, whose restaurant in Great Neck, New York, is failing even though his partner's parents have given him their life savings. (R)
2.20 **The State.** (R)
3.15 **Hollyoaks.**

Channel 5

6.00 **Milkshake!:** Poppy Cat **6.10** Little Princess **6.25** The Mr Men Show **6.35** Milkshake! Monkey **6.40** Milkshake! Bopping About **6.45** Simon **6.50** Peppa Pig **6.55** Wissper **7.05** Bob the Builder **7.15** Fireman Sam **7.25** Olly the Little White Van **7.35** Paw Patrol **7.45** Blaze and the Monster Machines **8.15** Noddy: Toyland Detective **8.30** Floogals **8.50** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom **9.05** Shimmer and Shine **9.25** Digby Dragon **9.45** Peppa Pig **9.55** Peppa Pig **10.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom **10.10** Olly the Little White Van
10.20 **Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.** (R)
10.55 **Pets Make You Laugh Out Loud 2.** (R)
11.15 **Police Interceptors.** (R)
12.10 **Police Interceptors.** Officers come under attack from a gang of violent armed robbers. (R)
1.10 **Police Interceptors.** Jim leads a raid on a suspected drug dealer. (R)
2.10 **Police Interceptors.** (R)
3.05 **The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door.** (R)
4.00 **Murdered: Nightmare Neighbour Next Door.** Residents in Guildford object to their neighbour opening a "cannabis cafe". (R)
5.00 **Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away.** Sheriffs try to recover almost £2,400 from a company director for unpaid invoices. (R)
6.00 **Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away.** A man claims he cannot pay off his £7,000 debt, despite having a garage full of expensive tools. (R)
7.00 **Cricket on 5.** England v West Indies. Mark Nicholas presents highlights of the third day of the Third Test, which took place at Lord's.
8.00 **The Great Fire: London Burns.** Dan Jones, Suzannah Lipscomb and Rob Bell take a look at the Great Fire of London by walking the route the fire took across the city, hour-by-hour and street-by-street. (R)
8.55 **5 News Weekend.**
9.00 **Football on 5: The Championship.** Colin Murray introduces highlights from the weekend's games in the Championship, including Fulham v Cardiff City and Sunderland v Sheffield United.
10.00 **Football on 5: Goal Rush.** Colin Murray introduces all the goals from the weekend's games in Leagues One and Two, including AFC Wimbledon v Portsmouth and Rotherham United v Bury.
10.30 **Hijacked.** The story of the simultaneous hijacking of five passenger jets by a Palestinian militant group in 1970, featuring contributions from pilots and cabin crew.
11.30 **Criminals: Caught on Camera.** Nick Wallis joins the Met's robbery squads as they work the streets during a Friday night shift, and also finds out how pickpockets, scammers and bag thieves use sleight of hand. (R)
11.55 **Access.** Showbiz news and gossip. (R)
12.10 **SuperCasino.**
3.10 **Exploding Sun.**
4.40 **Access.**
4.50 **Divine Designs.** (R)
5.20 **Nick's Quest.** (R)
5.45 **Chinese Food in Minutes.** (R)

September 10

sunday

Fake or Fortune?
8pm
Fiona Bruce and Philip Mould investigate the history of two pictures, both of which are believed to be by Paul Gauguin, one of the giants of 19th-century art.

Astronauts: Do You Have What It Takes?
8pm
The candidates head to a secret facility in Sweden, where they are deliberately deprived of oxygen to see if they can recognise the signs of hypoxia.

Tipping Point: Lucky Stars
6pm
Ben Shephard presents a celebrity edition of the quiz, in which contestants Julian Clary, Sara Cox and Alan Halsall answer questions to win turns on an arcade-style machine.

Amazing Spaces Shed of the Year
7pm
George Clarke presents the Historic and Workshops and Studios categories, featuring a shed with a literary history.

All New Most Shocking Moments in Pop 3
9pm
Clare Grogan narrates a selection of scandalous celebrity moments, including Mariah Carey getting caught out lip synching.

BBC1

6.00 **Breakfast.**
7.05 **Match of the Day.** Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest top-flight matches, including Manchester City v Liverpool at the Etihad Stadium and Everton v Tottenham Hotspur at Goodison Park. (R)
8.30 **The Andrew Marr Show.**
9.30 **Great North Run.** Gabby Logan presents coverage of the half-marathon that runs from Newcastle upon Tyne to South Shields, with approximately 57,000 runners set to take part this time around.
1.30 **BBC News;** Weather.
1.45 **Fake or Fortune?** Fiona Bruce and art expert Philip Mould travel to Australia to verify whether a painting is a lost work by impressionist Tom Roberts, one of the country's most important artists. (R)
2.45 **Money for Nothing.** Sarah Moore transforms and then sells three things about to be dumped at a Walsall tip, with Norman Wilkinson charged with breathing new life into some old brown furniture. (R)
3.30 **Escape to the Country.** Ginny Buckley is in Norfolk helping retirees return to the British countryside after 30 years living in Spain. Away from the hunt, she meets the only woad grower in the UK. (R)
4.15 **Points of View.** Jeremy Vine presents a selection of viewers' comments.
4.30 **Songs of Praise.** Katherine Jenkins visits the monastery on Caldey Island.
5.05 FILM: **Shrek 2 (2004).** The ogre meets his in-laws, who are decidedly unimpressed with their daughter's choice of husband. Animated adventure sequel, featuring the voices of Mike Myers and Cameron Diaz.
6.30 **BBC News.**
6.50 **Midlands Today; Weather.**
7.00 **Countryfile.** Ellie Harrison presents the show from Cornwall's Rame Peninsula, revealing the story of the last traditional fisherman in the area and his work with disadvantaged youngsters.
8.00 **Fake or Fortune?** Fiona Bruce and Philip Mould investigate the history of two pictures, both of which are believed to be by Paul Gauguin, one of the giants of 19th-century art.
9.00 **Strike – The Silkworm.** Part one of a two-part adaptation of JK Rowling's detective novel. Cormoran Strike is hired by the wife of a notorious author to find her missing husband.
10.00 **BBC News.**
10.20 **Midlands Today; Weather.**
10.30 **Match of the Day 2.** Mark Chapman reviews the latest Premier League action, featuring Swansea City v Newcastle United at the Liberty Stadium and Burnley v Crystal Palace at Turf Moor.
11.30 **People Just Do Nothing.** Steves kidnaps one of the KOLD FM team, driving Grindah to arrange a showdown with his rivals. Miche takes Angel's role in the school play a little too seriously.
12.00 FILM: **The Rebound (2009).** A single mother falls for a younger man as they both try to recover from being betrayed by their former spouses. Romantic comedy, starring Catherine Zeta-Jones.
1.30 **Weather for the Week Ahead.**
1.35 **BBC News.**

BBC2

6.00 **The Instant Gardener.** Transforming a scruffy back garden in Fife. (R)
6.45 **Garden Rescue.** From Stamford. (R)
7.30 **Gardeners' World.** Monty Don adds late summer colour to the cottage garden and prunes shrub roses. (R)
8.30 **The Beechgrove Garden.** Carole Baxter finds out how the budget vegetable growers have fared.
9.00 **Countryfile.** A look at how our food is harvested. (R)
10.00 **The Hairy Bikers' Northern Exposure.** Si King and Dave Myers explore Poland as they circumnavigate the Baltic Sea. (R)
11.00 **My Life on a Plate.** Lesley Garrett's culinary memories. (R)
11.45 **Lorraine's Fast, Fresh and Easy Food.** Creating sophisticated dishes for dinner parties. (R)
12.15 **MOTD2 Extra.** Mark Chapman presents football discussion.
1.00 **Bargain Hunt.** From Hungerford, Berkshire. (R)
1.45 FILM: **Grand Prix (1966).** Motor racing drama, starring James Garner.
4.30 **Coast.** The team searches for secrets revealed by the tide. (R)
5.00 **Flog It!** From Crathes Castle in Aberdeenshire. (R)
6.00 **Great North Run Highlights.** Ore Oduba presents action from the half-marathon that ran from Newcastle upon Tyne to South Shields, as Vivian Cheruiyot attempted to retain her title in the women's elite race.
7.00 **Tribes, Predators & Me.** Gordon Buchanan meets different cultures that live and hunt alongside predators, beginning with men in the Solomon Islands who freedive for fish alongside sharks. (R)
8.00 **Astronauts: Do You Have What It Takes?** The remaining candidates head to a secret facility in Sweden, where they are deliberately deprived of oxygen to see if they can recognise the signs of hypoxia.
9.00 **Dragons' Den.** The panel assess the profit-making potential of business plans involving beach towels, a range of novelty plush goods, and a form of packaging based around air.
10.00 **Best Album 2017: Meet the Mercury Prize Shortlist.** Documentary previewing the shortlisted artists for 2017, hearing from musicians from the vanguard of grime, performance poetry and guitar rock.
10.30 FILM: **Broken (2012).** An 11-year-old girl witnesses a man being attacked by her neighbour, which destroys her innocent outlook on life. Drama, with Eloise Laurence, Tim Roth and Cillian Murphy.
11.55 FILM: **False Trail (2011).** A detective is sent back to the hometown he left 15 years ago to investigate a murder, digging up his own painful memories. Mystery, with Rolf Lassgard.
2.00 **Sign Zone: Countryfile.** A look at how our food is harvested. (R)
2.55 **Sign Zone: Holby City.** Hanssen is forced to confront his past when a familiar face arrives as a registrar, and Zosia finally relaxes into some wedding planning, but Guy's behaviour sparks fresh concern. (R)
3.55 **This Is BBC2.**

ITV

6.00 **CITV:** Sooty **6.10** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids **6.20** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures **6.45** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures **7.00** Mission Employable **7.05** Oddbods **7.10** Oddbods **7.20** Super 4
7.30 **Scrambled!: Scrambled!** Two hours of children's fun.
7.35 **Scrambled!: The Tom and Jerry Show.** Cat and mouse adventures. (R)
7.50 **Scrambled!: Mr Bean: The Animated Series.** Roadworks shatter Bean's peace. (R)
8.10 **Scrambled!: Ben 10.** The youngster fights more colourful foes.
8.30 **Scrambled!: Be Cool, Scooby-Doo!** Adventures with the Scooby gang. (R)
9.05 **Scrambled!: Adventure Time.** Fun for children.
9.25 **ITV News.**
9.30 **Judge Rinder.** Real-life cases in a studio courtroom. (R)
10.25 **The Chase.** Quiz show, hosted by Bradley Walsh. (R)
11.25 **Long Lost Family.** A woman longs to know the reasons behind her adoption. (R)
12.20 **ITV News and Weather;** Weather.
12.30 **Bear Grylls Survival School.** The students set out on their final expedition. (R)
1.00 FILM: **You've Got Mail (1998).** Romantic comedy, starring Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan.
3.15 **The X Factor.** The third rounds of auditions gets under way. (R)
4.30 **Victoria.** The queen fears her husband is attracted to another woman. (R)
5.30 **ITV News Central;** Weather.
5.40 **ITV News and Weather.**
6.00 **Tipping Point: Lucky Stars.** Ben Shephard presents a celebrity edition of the quiz, in which contestants Julian Clary, Sara Cox and Alan Halsall answer questions to win turns on an arcade-style machine.
7.00 **Coronation Street.** Anna discovers Faye's plan to run away with Seb, family secrets threaten Peter and Toyah's future, and a frightened Rita has a go at Norris.
8.00 **The X Factor.** Dermot O'Leary presents the fourth rounds of auditions, as more would-be stars perform for Louis Walsh, Nicole Scherzinger, Sharon Osbourne and Simon Cowell.
9.00 **Victoria.** The queen is moved by the plight of a silk weaver in Spitalfields, and decides to throw a lavish medieval ball – which is greeted with outrage by the discontented public.
10.05 **ITV News and Weather;** Weather.
10.20 **Judge Rinder's Crime Stories.** Barrister Robert Rinder examines the case of Gary Nelson, who murdered a bouncer and a community police officer, and was the subject of a 13-year investigation. (R)
11.20 **5 Gold Rings.** Game show, hosted by Phillip Schofield, in which two friends take on a mother and son to answer visual questions by placing rings on an LED floor. (R)
12.20 **Jackpot247.** Interactive gaming.
3.00 **Motorsport UK.**
3.50 **ITV Nightscreen.** Text-based information service.
5.05 **The Jeremy Kyle Show.** (R)

Channel 4

6.00 **Last Man Standing.** Bud is introduced to the world of internet dating.
6.25 **Last Man Standing.** Mike tries to teach a neighbourhood prankster a lesson.
6.45 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** Marie, Amy, Stefania and Judy list Robert's faults. (R)
7.10 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** Ray tries to become a better father. (R)
7.35 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** Debra's parents split up. (R)
8.00 **Frasier.** Three Valentine's Day stories. (R)
8.30 **Frasier.** Niles hires a new lawyer. (R)
9.00 **Frasier.** Niles plots to break up Daphne's new romance. (R)
9.30 **Sunday Brunch.** With Holly Willoughby, Miles Jupp and Jeremy Vine.
12.30 **The Simpsons.** Homer goes to prison. (R)
12.55 **The Simpsons.** Homer accidentally declares himself bankrupt. (R)
1.25 **The Simpsons.** Homer becomes a member of the paparazzi. (R)
1.50 FILM: **The Core (2003).** Sci-fi thriller, starring Aaron Eckhart.
4.20 **The Crystal Maze.** A martial arts team tackles the Maze. (R)
5.25 **The Great British Bake Off.** Tasks include a sandwich biscuit signature challenge. (R)
6.40 **Channel 4 News.**
7.00 **Amazing Spaces Shed of the Year.** George Clarke presents the Historic and Workshops and Studios categories, featuring a shed with a literary history and a build in Wales used for making prosthetic limbs.
8.00 **From Russia to Iran: Crossing the Wild Frontier.** Levison Wood completes the final 1000 miles of his journey, travelling through Armenia and the Republic of Iran as he heads for the Caspian Sea. Last in the series.
9.00 FILM: **Kingsman: The Secret Service (2015).** Premiere. A streetwise teenager is taken under the wing of his dead father's old colleague, an agent working for a super-secret spy organisation. Will the youngster prove to be a chip off the old block by proving useful during a battle against a twisted, hi-tech genius? Action comedy based on a comic book, starring Colin Firth, Taron Egerton and Samuel L Jackson.
11.35 FILM: **Sin City: A Dame to Kill For (2014).** Compilation of four stories of crime and betrayal set in a dangerous city. Crime thriller sequel based on the comic-book series, starring Eva Green and Mickey Rourke.
1.25 **Bruce Springsteen: In His Words.** Bio-documentary setting out to reveal the man behind the music, featuring home video from his youth, and footage from his early years performing solo in Greenwich Village. (R)
2.50 **Gillette World Sport.** Including a lesson on how to play handball.
3.15 **KOTV Boxing Weekly.** Ted Cheeseman v Matthew Ryan.
3.45 **Mobil 1 The Grid.** A look at how Red Bull's Max Verstappen gets fit. (R)
4.10 **Location, Location, Location.** A Surrey couple whose house is set to be demolished. (R)
5.05 **Four in a Bed.** The competitors are invited to Grassington Lodge in North Yorkshire. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 **Milkshake!:** Poppy Cat **6.10** Little Princess **6.25** Mr Men **6.35** Milkshake! Monkey **6.40** Milkshake! Bopping About **6.45** Simon **6.50** Peppa Pig **6.55** Wissper **7.00** Bob the Builder **7.15** Fireman Sam **7.25** Olly the Little White Van **7.30** Paw Patrol **7.45** Blaze and the Monster Machines **8.15** Noddy: Toyland Detective **8.35** Floogals **8.50** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom **9.00** Shimmer and Shine **9.15** Digby Dragon **9.35** Peppa Pig **9.40** Peppa Pig **9.45** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
10.00 **Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.** The heroes end up in an alternate reality. (R)
10.35 **Football on 5: The Championship.** Including highlights of Fulham v Cardiff City. (R)
11.30 **Football on 5: Goal Rush.** Including highlights of AFC Wimbledon v Portsmouth. (R)
12.00 **All New Traffic Cops.** An insight into the working life of officers patrolling Britain's roads. (R)
1.00 **All New Traffic Cops.** Including one of the longest pursuits in the history of the force. (R)
2.00 **All New Traffic Cops.** Officers chase a car from the city centre to the countryside. (R)
3.05 **All New Traffic Cops.** Officers deal with a four-car collision outside a school. (R)
4.05 **All New Traffic Cops.** A crash near a theme park results in the death of at least one person. (R)
5.05 **All New Traffic Cops.** Officers go after thieves in a high-speed pursuit. (R)
6.05 **All New Traffic Cops.** Officers from the West Yorkshire Safer Roads team pursue a disqualified driver through Bradford, while a pensioner is knocked down in a hit-and-run incident in York. (R)
7.00 **Cricket on 5.** England v West Indies. Mark Nicholas presents highlights of the fourth day of the Third Test, which took place at Lord's.
8.00 **Aviva Premiership Rugby Highlights.** Mark Durden-Smith and David Flatman introduce highlights from the second weekend of matches, including Northampton Saints v Leicester Tigers at Franklin's Gardens.
8.55 **5 News Weekend.**
9.00 **All New Most Shocking Moments in Pop 3.** Clare Grogan narrates a selection of scandalous celebrity moments, including Mariah Carey getting caught out lip synching, the online feud between Madonna and Elton John, Brian Harvey's controversial remarks about Ecstasy and Susan Boyle's misguided hashtag. With contributions from Louis Walsh, Sonia, Cheryl Baker and MC Harvey.
11.55 **The Last Hours of Elvis Presley.** Forensic pathologist Dr Richard Shepherd re-examines the medical evidence relating to the death of the American singer, who died in August 1977 at the age of 42. (R)
12.55 **SuperCasino.** Live interactive gaming.
3.10 **Liberace: In Life and Death.** The final hours of Liberace's life. (R)
4.00 **Now That's Funny!** (R)
4.50 **Divine Designs.** (R)
5.20 **Nick's Quest.** (R)
5.45 **Chinese Food in Minutes.** (R)

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You could think of the Renault Zoe as the rather hilarious little Twizy quadricycle's older sister. Whereas the Twizy is has its limitations, the Zoe is a proper car with five seats, a boot and a useable real-world electric driving range.

Not only is the Zoe a family car, it's also a zero-emissions vehicle, meaning it qualifies for the Government's full £4,500 plug-in car grant. This helps bring the Zoe's price down to a lowly £14,245, but doesn't include the mandatory monthly battery hire fee.

Renault first introduced the Zoe back in 2013. Since then, however, the electric car has been facelifted for the 2017 model year and gains a new 250-mile battery – the Z.E.40. There's also the new Signature Nav top-level trim.

This new battery is the most important update for the Zoe, however, as it dramatically increases its appeal compared with its rivals. The 250-mile range is based on the New European Driving Cycle (NEDC), however, and Renault says that in the real world this will be closer to 184 miles in summer and 124 miles in the winter.

Our test vehicle was fitted with Renault's R90 electric motor. This unit develops a modest 91bhp and 220Nm of torque, which allows for a 0-60mph time 13.3 seconds and a top speed of 84mph. This means the Zoe is considerably slower than most conventional cars, as well as the Hyundai Ioniq Electric.

However, this won't pose too much of a problem, as the Zoe will likely spend most of its time driving in busy urban environments. Here, the instant torque provided by the electric motor means you set off pretty quickly, so you won't be holding any one up at the lights.

The Zoe comes as standard with a home-charging unit, so you'll be able to replenish its batteries in as little as seven hours.

Obviously, the Zoe doesn't emit any CO2 either, so you won't have to worry about paying vehicle excise duty.

While the electric motor's instant torque will get you up to 30mph in a timely fashion – which is ideal for inner-city driving – it takes a long time to reach open road speeds. This means the Zoe isn't really cut out for long-distance motorway hauls, and its range will be a limiting factor too.

Around town, however, the Zoe is perfectly capable. There's plenty of visibility afforded by the fairly high driving position, and its relatively small size means it's easy to slot into tighter spaces.

The Zoe isn't exactly amazing dynamically, though. It's quite a tall car, so there's a fair amount of lean through the corners when pressing on. The steering is also rather vague, and it will take a bit of time to get used to the regenerative brakes, which are rather grabby. However, if you stick to low-speed city driving, you'll find the Zoe is comfortable and incredibly easy to drive.

To our eyes at least, the Zoe is quite a pretty little car. There's something very chic about its looks – which is no doubt a by-product of its French roots. With the possible exception of the Tesla Model S, the Zoe is actually one of the most attractive-looking EVs on sale today.

While it may also be one of the most affordable, it certainly doesn't look "cheap" and will look right at home when parked up on a fashionable high street.

As far as space is concerned, two adults will be able to sit in relative comfort in the back seats – although they might be a bit squashed if sat behind taller front passengers. Boot space stands at 338 litres, which is decent but falls short of its rivals. By comparison, the Hyundai Ioniq and Nissan Leaf offer 350 litres and 370 litres respectively.

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Standard equipment is fairly generous, with even entry-level models benefitting from Renault's R-Link infotainment system and satellite navigation. Our mid-range Dynamique Nav specification test car came equipped with a hands-free key card, DAB radio, Bluetooth audio streaming and rear parking sensors.

Prices for the Renault Zoe start at just £14,245 – which is considerably lower than rivals such as the Hyundai Ioniq and Nissan Leaf, which start at £24,995 and £16,680 respectively.

However, that price tag does not include the mandatory monthly battery hire fee, which costs upwards of £59 per month based on mileage. If you would prefer to buy the Zoe and battery outright, you'll need to part with £19,845 for the entry-level i-Expression Nav model.

The Zoe earns points for being one of the most affordable electric cars on the market. It's not going to amaze you with its dynamic abilities, but as an urban daily driver its superior range, practical interior and attractive looks make it hard to beat in this segment.

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11 FORD FOCUS 1.6 ZETEC Black ..... SOLD
08 VW JETTA SE TDi 140, Black Service History ..... ~~£3795~~ £3295
07 BMW 116 ISE 77k, Service History ..... SOLD
06 BMW X3 2.0 DIESEL Black £4995
61 VAUXHALL CORSA EXCITE 1.2 Red, lady ownerOnly £3995
60 VAUXHALL CORSA Ecoflex Silver, 35k ..... ~~£3995~~ £3395
59 CITROEN C3 AIRDREAM + HDi Diesel, Cheap Road Tax ..... SOLD
58 CITROEN C3 RHYTHM 1.4 HDi Diesel, Black £2195
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56 VAUXHALL VECTRA Exclusive 1.8 Red Metallic £2895
06 VAUXHALL ZAFIRA Active 1.6, low mileage, beautiful car ..... SOLD
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03 FORD STREET KA Blue Convertible £1795

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04 TOYOTA RAV XT 4 DIESEL, Silver £2,295
02 JEEP CHEROKEE 3.7 AUTO, Limited Edition, Low Miles for year £1,450
08 HONDA CRV 2.0 ES V-Tec AUTO, Red ..... ~~£4595~~ £4195
60 CITROEN BERLINGO 1.6 HDi Enterprise, Blue ..... SOLD
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13 CITROEN DS3 1.6E HDI, AIRDREAM D STYLE PLUS WHITE WITH BLACK ROOF, CLIMATE CONTROL, CRUISE CONTROL, F.S .H £0 ROAD TAX 23K £6,995
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62 KIA SOUL 2 CRDI, SILVER, SERVICE HISTORY 32K £6,695
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09 CITROEN C3 PICASSO EXCLUSIVE 1.6 HDI, GREY, PARKING SENSORS, SERVICE HISTORY 51K £4,625
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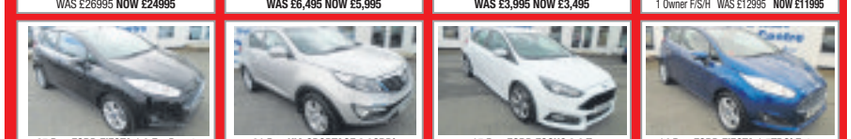

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Ford's car and van scrappage scheme is aimed at improving air quality by enabling customers, of any brand, to trade-in and scrap their old vehicles for new and affordable Ford cars and commercial vehicles, including the popular Fiesta and Transit Custom, with significantly lower emissions.

Applicable to any pre-Euro 5 vehicle, registered by December 31, 2009, the scheme will enable eligible consumers3 to benefit from a scrappage incentive of between £2,000 and £7,0001 on a variety of Ford models, including the new high-tech Fiesta and Transit Custom, Britain's most popular car and van respectively.

The Ford scrappage program will run to the end of the year and is effective for registrations from September 1 to December 31 2017.

Concerns

"Ford shares society's concerns over air quality", said Andy Barratt, chairman and MD of Ford of Britain. "Removing generations of the most polluting vehicles will have the most immediate positive effect on air quality, and this Ford scrappage scheme aims to do just that.

"We don't believe incentivising sales of new cars goes far enough and we will ensure that all trade-in vehicles are scrapped. Acting together we can take hundreds of thousands of the dirtiest cars off our roads and out of our cities."

All new Ford EcoBoost petrol and EcoBlue diesel models meet the Euro 6 standard, the toughest vehicle emissions yet. Not only are they cleaner than ever before, but they are also the most efficient, meaning improvements in fuel economy too.

Latest Euro 6 standard and new vehicle technologies mean today's cars produce far lower emissions than previous generations:

- Carbon monoxide (CO), petrol down 63%; diesel down 82% since 1993
- Hydrocarbons (HC), petrol down 50% since 2001
- Oxides of nitrogen (NOX) down 84% since 2001
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Data from the SMMT shows that there are approximately 19.3 million pre-Euro 5 emission level passenger cars on the UK roads today and reducing that number, through scrappage programs, would have the effect of reducing CO2 by 15 million tons per year, equivalent to the annual output of approximately three coal-fired power stations.

Medium to longer-term actions to improve air quality include a plug-in hybrid version of the Ford Transit Custom, due to start trials later this year.

The Transit PHEV is planned for commercial introduction in 2019 and is part of Ford's total investment of $4.5 billion in electrified vehicles by 2020, which also includes a fully electric, long-range SUV.

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First Teams

Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	T	A	P
Knowle & D	20	14	2	3	0	1	349
Shrewsbury	20	14	1	5	0	0	329
Berkswell	20	11	4	3	0	2	324
Ombersley	20	12	2	4	0	2	296
WB Dartmouth	20	9	2	8	0	1	250
Dorridge	20	8	2	9	0	1	241
Barnt Green	20	9	2	7	0	2	240
Wolverhampton	20	5	6	8	0	1	216
Kenilworth W	20	5	4	9	0	2	183
Walsall	20	5	1	13	0	1	151
Kidderminster	20	2	2	15	0	1	138
Brockhampton	20	3	2	13	0	2	109

Division One

	P	W	D	L	T	A	P
Smethwick	20	11	3	3	1	2	308
Moseley	20	11	1	7	0	1	296
Himley	20	11	3	5	0	1	276
Bromsgrove	20	9	4	5	0	2	269
Bridgnorth	20	9	1	9	0	1	259
Barnards Green	20	9	2	8	1	0	257
Tamworth	20	9	1	9	0	1	256
Shifnal	20	8	2	10	0	0	226
Leamington	20	6	4	9	1	0	212
Wellington	20	5	3	10	1	1	202
Attock	20	4	4	11	0	1	184
Walmley	20	5	2	11	0	2	177

Division Two

	P	W	D	L	T	A	P
Oswestry	20	12	1	4	0	3	297
Pershore	20	9	5	5	0	1	292
Halesowen	20	12	1	6	0	1	290
Fordhouses	20	13	1	6	0	0	280
C & R Hawks	20	9	3	6	0	2	279
Harborne	20	7	4	8	0	1	227
Penkridge	20	7	1	10	0	2	214
Coventry & NW	20	7	5	5	0	3	206
Sutton Coldfield	20	4	3	9	1	3	202
Wombourne	20	6	2	10	0	2	199
Old E'bethans	20	3	1	13	1	2	161
Old Hill	20	4	3	11	0	2	142

Division Three

	P	W	D	L	T	A	P
Streetly	20	12	0	6	0	2	304
Astwood Bank	20	12	0	5	0	3	297
Lichfield	20	12	1	6	1	0	289
Milford Hall	20	11	0	9	0	0	273
Handsworth	20	10	2	6	1	1	263
Newport	20	10	3	6	0	1	255
Stourbridge	20	7	4	8	1	0	249
Stratford-u-Avon	20	8	1	9	1	1	240
Sentinel	20	7	1	11	0	1	223
Brewood	20	7	2	11	0	0	214
Worcs Nomads	20	5	1	13	0	1	168
Nuneaton	20	2	3	13	0	2	125

Second Teams

Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	T	A	P
Wolverhampton	20	15	1	1	0	3	360
Knowle & D	20	13	2	3	0	2	316
Kenilworth W	20	11	4	4	0	1	307
Walmley	20	10	1	6	0	3	276
Moseley	20	9	3	7	0	1	257
Shifnal	20	7	5	6	1	1	247
Harborne	20	8	2	8	0	2	237
Leamington	20	7	2	9	0	2	209
Himley	20	4	5	8	1	2	195
Astwood Bank	20	4	1	15	0	0	158
Brockhampton	20	3	4	13	0	0	141
Halesowen	20	3	2	14	0	1	141

Division One

	P	W	D	L	T	A	P
Attock	20	13	4	2	0	1	359
Barnt Green	20	11	1	6	0	2	274
Tamworth	19	8	2	7	0	2	265
Bromsgrove	20	9	2	7	0	2	262
Ombersley	20	8	5	5	0	2	258
WB Dartmouth	20	10	2	8	0	0	255
Coventry & NW	20	8	1	10	0	1	235
Walsall	19	7	2	8	0	2	221
Berkswell	20	6	3	9	0	2	205
Old E'bethans	20	5	4	9	0	2	190
Smethwick	20	5	1	12	0	2	170
Kidderminster	20	4	3	11	0	2	163

Division Two North

	P	W	D	L	T	A	P
Shrewsbury	20	16	3	1	0	0	380
Penkridge	20	10	4	5	1	0	310
Fordhouses	20	10	6	4	0	0	295
Brewood	20	10	4	6	0	0	282
Milford Hall	20	9	4	6	1	0	261
Bridgnorth	20	9	3	8	0	0	259
Wellington	20	6	7	5	2	0	255
Newport	20	8	0	12	0	0	213
C & R Hawks	20	6	2	11	0	1	200
Oswestry	20	4	3	11	2	0	189
Sentinel	20	3	6	11	0	0	176
Lichfield	20	2	4	13	0	1	147

Division Two South

	P	W	D	L	T	A	P
Wombourne	20	14	1	3	0	2	340
Pershore	20	13	2	5	0	0	320
Stratford-u-Avon	20	13	1	4	0	2	319
Nuneaton	20	11	1	6	0	2	270
Handsworth	20	10	1	7	0	1	260
Dorridge	20	8	1	9	0	2	247
Streetly	20	9	1	9	0	1	238
Old Hill	20	8	1	11	0	0	225
Sutton Coldfield	20	6	2	9	0	3	191
Worcsr Nomads	20	6	0	14	0	0	188
Stourbridge	20	4	2	11	0	3	168
Barnards Green	20	3	1	16	0	0	134

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Premier

	P	W	D	L	C/A	P
Whitchurch	19	13	1	4	1	334
Ludlow	19	12	3	3	1	320
Worfield	19	12	2	4	1	312
Quatt	19	13	1	5	0	305
Wem	19	13	0	6	0	295
Broseley	19	11	1	7	0	275
Newtown	19	8	0	11	0	222
St Georges	19	6	3	9	1	200
Frankton	19	6	2	11	0	180
Madeley	19	5	2	11	1	178
Market Drayton	19	4	0	14	1	114
Albrighton	19	0	1	18	0	67

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	C/A	P
Bomere Heath	19	17	2	0	0	400
Cound	19	11	1	5	2	302
Knockin & K	19	9	2	6	2	265
Wroxeter Grove	19	8	3	7	1	260
Shelton	19	8	1	8	2	245
Welshpool	19	8	2	6	3	241
Alberbury	19	6	3	9	1	234
Condover	19	9	2	8	0	232
Beacon	19	7	0	10	2	226
Montgomery	19	5	1	11	2	190
Forton	19	5	0	12	2	178
Lilleshall	19	3	1	14	1	145

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	C/A	P
Allscott	19	16	1	2	0	379
Pontesbury	19	16	1	2	0	379
Shifnal	19	10	2	7	0	257
Ellesmere	19	10	1	7	1	252
Church Aston	19	9	3	7	0	245
Wheaton Aston	19	7	3	7	2	242
Willey	19	9	1	9	0	239
Bishops Castle	19	7	1	9	2	201
Wellington	19	4	3	12	0	198
Shrewsbury	19	5	1	11	2	170
Prees	19	5	2	11	1	161
Church Stretton	19	2	1	16	0	113

Division 3

	P	W	D	L	C/A	P
Ludlow	19	11	1	5	2	304
Harpers	19	12	1	5	1	296
Hodnet, P&T	19	11	2	5	1	289
Iscoyd & FB	19	9	2	6	2	271
Calverhall	19	9	1	8	1	268
Chelmarsh	19	9	3	6	1	265
Cae Glas	19	11	0	8	0	260
St Georges	19	6	2	11	0	214
Trysull & S'don	19	6	3	9	1	207
Much Wenlock	19	6	2	9	2	200
Acton Reynald	19	4	1	12	2	181
Corvedale	19	3	0	13	3	130

Division 4

	P	W	D	L	C/A	P
Overton-on-Dee	17	13	3	1	0	325
Hinstock	17	12	1	3	1	308
Allscott	18	11	2	4	1	288
Bridgnorth	17	13	0	4	0	288
Guilsfield	18	9	1	6	2	236
Coton Hall	17	5	0	9	3	183
Quayside	17	4	1	11	1	159
Llanidloes	17	3	4	9	1	130
Wroxeter Grove	17	5	1	11	0	130
Harcourt	18	5	3	9	1	122
Oswestry	17	1	0	14	2	40

Second Teams

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	C/A	P
Worfield	19	15	1	2	1	367
Wem	19	14	1	2	2	328
Frankton	19	12	1	4	2	297
St Georges I	19	10	3	6	0	286
Wroxeter Grove	19	8	1	9	1	228
Knockin & K	19	5	4	9	1	214
Alberbury	19	5	2	9	3	205
Whitchurch	19	6	1	10	2	201
Quatt	19	5	1	11	2	182
Shelton	19	5	3	10	1	182
Madeley	19	5	0	11	3	179
Cound	19	5	2	12	0	162

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	C/A	P
Wellington	19	14	2	3	0	358
Montgomery	19	12	2	4	1	324
Beacon	19	13	1	5	0	315
Bomere Heath	19	10	2	6	1	277
Newtown	19	12	2	4	1	271
Ludlow	19	7	5	6	1	267
Broseley	19	11	1	7	0	266
Lilleshall	19	9	3	6	1	261
Shifnal	19	8	6	4	1	242
Willey	19	8	2	9	0	228
Pontesbury	19	7	2	8	2	224
Condover	19	5	2	11	1	165
Market Drayton	19	6	2	11	0	152
Forton	19	3	1	15	0	116
Albrighton	19	2	1	15	1	103
Iscoyd & FB	19	1	4	14	0	78

Division 3

	P	W	D	L	C/A	P
Acton Reynald	19	12	3	3	1	305
Beacon	19	11	2	6	0	286
St Georges	19	10	2	7	0	267
Ellesmere	19	9	2	7	1	253
Welshpool	19	9	1	7	2	243
Much Wenlock	19	10	1	6	2	240
Lilleshall	19	8	3	7	1	240
Bishops Castle	19	9	0	10	0	209
Cae Glas	19	6	1	10	2	208
Allscott	19	7	2	10	0	204
Quatt	19	6	2	9	2	184
Corvedale	19	1	1	16	1	64

Sunday Division 1

	P	W	D	L	C/A	P
Worfield	19	14	2	2	1	345
Knockin & K	19	12	1	3	3	302
Frankton	19	12	3	3	1	286
Wem	19	10	1	8	0	269
Newport	19	8	1	7	3	242
Wellington	19	8	1	7	3	237
Cound	19	7	1	11	0	213
Lilleshall	19	6	1	9	3	204
Sentinel	19	7	0	9	3	189
Alberbury	19	3	3	9	4	159
Whitchurch	19	3	2	13	1	147
Bomere Heath	19	4	0	13	2	126

Sunday Division 2

	P	W	D	L	C/A	P
Pontesbury	17	11	1	4	1	290
Shrewsbury	17	13	1	2	1	289
Ludlow	17	11	1	4	1	278
Madeley	17	8	0	8	1	208
Oswestry	17	8	0	7	2	200
Knockin & K	17	7	0	7	3	196
Madeley	17	5	0	10	2	175
Bridgnorth	16	5	0	9	2	141
Wellington	16	3	1	11	1	131
Market Drayton	17	4	0	13	0	72

Marches Cricket League

Division 1

	P	W	L	D	A	P
Luctonians	18	13	2	1	2	366
Goodrich	18	13	2	1	2	353
Garnons	18	12	4	1	1	331
Kington	18	9	5	2	2	300
Builth Wells	18	8	9	0	1	238
Abergavenny	18	5	9	2	2	197
Brockhampton	18	6	11	1	0	188
Dales, Hereford	18	5	10	1	2	184
Woolhope	18	3	11	3	1	167
Glangrwyney	18	2	13	2	1	147

Division 2

	P	W	L	D	A	P
Ross on Wye	18	12	2	4	0	361
Cleobury M	18	10	4	2	2	319
Canon Frome	18	8	4	5	1	299
Luctonians	18	9	3	3	3	293
Ledbury	18	8	5	2	2	270
Colwall	18	8	6	2	2	249
Knighton on Teme	18	5	9	1	2	176
Almeley	18	3	9	4	2	144
Eastnor	18	2	13	1	2	93
Presteigne	18	2	12	0	4	37

Division 3

	P	W	L	D	A	P
Strollers, Hereford	18	11	3	3	1	347
Talybont-on-Usk	18	9	3	2	4	289
Abergavenny	18	8	3	2	5	235
Moas	18	7	4	2	5	225
Ledbury	18	5	9	3	1	213
Goodrich	18	4	7	5	2	203
Garnons	18	7	7	1	3	188
Builth Wells	18	3	8	4	3	161
Canon Frome	18	3	7	4	4	147
Burghill, T&W	18	4	10	2	2	73

Division 4

	P	W	L	D	A	P
Herefordians	17	13	0	1	3	346
Kington	17	9	5	2	1	271
Ross on Wye	17	10	6	1	0	262
Hay-on-Wye	17	5	5	5	2	245
Wormelow	16	10	4	0	2	240
Brockhampton	17	9	2	4	2	213
Strollers, Hereford	16	6	7	2	1	202
Colwall	16	3	7	5	1	168
Luctonians	17	4	6	3	4	166
Bosbury	16	4	8	2	2	163
Woolhope	16	4	9	1	2	150
Bartestree & L	16	4	11	0	1	67
Glangrwyney	16	1	12	2	1	37

WEM Cricket Club have been reunited with a piece of silverware last seen at the club more than 100 years ago, **writes STUART DUNN**.

Rupert Clayton, a keen cricketer who played for Wem in the early years of the 20th century, won the 1st XI Bowling Cup four times in 1906, 1911, 1912 and 1913.

The custom in those days was that if a player won the cup on three consecutive occasions that the trophy was theirs to keep, which Rupert duly did.

His grandson, Rupert Bradshaw, who lives in Cheadle Hulme, recently contacted club stalwart Alan Walker and arranged a visit to present the cup back to the club.

He was invited to the club as guest of honour for the last home first team game with Quatt where he presented the trophy to club president Geoff Stokes and Alan Walker.

Sky Bet League One

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
P'borough Utd	5	4	1	0	12	4	13
Shrewsbury	5	4	1	0	8	4	13
Charlton Ath	5	4	0	1	11	6	12
Scunthorpe Utd	5	3	2	0	8	2	11
Wigan Ath	4	3	1	0	8	2	10
Bradford City	5	3	1	1	9	6	10
Blackpool	5	3	1	1	8	6	10
Fleetwood Twn	4	3	0	1	6	3	9
Oxford Utd	5	2	2	1	7	3	8
Walsall	5	2	2	1	8	7	8
Blackburn Rvrs	4	2	0	2	7	6	6
Rotherham Utd	5	2	0	3	7	6	6
Doncaster Rvrs	5	1	3	1	6	6	6
Bristol Rvrs	5	2	0	3	8	11	6
Southend Utd	5	1	3	1	6	10	6
Portsmouth	5	1	2	2	4	6	5
AFC Wimbledon	5	1	1	3	3	5	4
Plymouth Argyle	5	1	1	3	5	9	4
Bury	5	1	1	3	4	8	4
MK Dons	5	1	1	3	3	7	4
Rochdale	5	0	3	2	3	6	3
Gillingham	5	0	2	3	4	7	2
Oldham Ath	5	0	0	5	5	12	0
Northampton	4	0	0	4	2	10	0

Vanarama National

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Dagenham & R	8	4	4	0	19	11	16
Leyton Orient	8	5	1	2	14	11	16
Wrexham	8	5	0	3	8	5	15
Sutton Utd	8	5	0	3	10	9	15
Aldershot Twn	8	4	2	2	15	7	14
Dover Ath	8	4	2	2	8	6	14
Maid'head Utd	8	3	3	2	12	8	12
FC Halifax Twn	8	3	3	2	6	5	12
Woking	8	4	0	4	12	13	12
Boreham Wood	8	3	2	3	16	13	11
Gateshead	8	3	2	3	9	6	11
Eastleigh	8	2	5	1	9	7	11
Bromley	8	3	2	3	11	10	11
Macclesfield	8	3	2	3	7	9	11
Ebbsfleet Utd	8	1	7	0	14	12	10
Barrow	8	2	4	2	11	9	10
AFC Fylde	8	2	4	2	13	14	10
Tranmere Rvrs	8	2	3	3	7	7	9
Maidstone Utd	8	2	3	3	8	11	9
Hartlepool Utd	8	2	2	4	7	10	8
Chester	7	1	4	2	7	9	7
Guiseley	8	1	2	5	6	18	5
Solihull Moors	7	1	1	5	7	15	4
Torquay Utd	8	0	2	6	9	20	2

Vanarama National North

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Harrogate Twn	8	6	2	0	23	8	20
Brackley Twn	8	6	2	0	16	3	20
Southport	8	5	2	1	15	7	17
Salford City	8	5	2	1	12	6	17
Spennymoor	8	4	3	1	13	7	15
Tamworth	8	4	1	3	13	12	13
Darlington	8	3	3	2	12	9	12
Blyth Spartans	8	4	0	4	14	13	12
York City	8	3	2	3	12	9	11
Stockport Cty	8	3	2	3	11	10	11
Bradford PA	8	3	2	3	9	11	11
Alfreton Twn	8	3	1	4	12	12	10
Kidderminster	8	3	1	4	7	10	10
Chorley	8	2	3	3	5	8	9
AFC Telford Utd	8	3	0	5	9	13	9
Nuneaton Twn	8	2	2	4	11	13	8
Boston Utd	8	2	2	4	9	14	8
Curzon Ashton	8	2	2	4	8	16	8
Gainsborough	8	2	1	5	14	17	7
FC Utd of Man	8	2	1	5	12	16	7
Leamington	8	2	0	6	7	17	6
Nth Ferriby Utd	8	1	2	5	2	15	5

Evo-Stik League

Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Warrington Twn	6	4	1	1	13	3	13
Grantham Twn	6	4	0	2	13	5	12
Shaw Lane AFC	6	4	0	2	9	6	12
Farsley Celtic	6	3	2	1	7	4	11
Stourbridge	6	3	2	1	8	6	11
Ashton Utd	6	3	2	1	8	7	11
Witton Albion	6	3	2	1	5	4	11
Stafford Rgrs	6	3	1	2	10	6	10
Lancaster City	6	2	4	0	7	5	10
Altrincham	6	3	1	2	8	7	10
Buxton	6	3	0	3	11	8	9
Nantwich Twn	6	2	3	1	8	6	9
Marine	6	3	0	3	6	10	9
Barwell	6	2	2	2	8	8	8
Hednesford Twn	6	2	2	2	8	8	8
Matlock Twn	6	2	2	2	10	11	8
Sutton Coldfield	6	2	1	3	9	11	7
Workington	6	1	3	2	5	7	6
Coalville Twn	6	2	0	4	6	11	6
Mickleover Spts	6	1	2	3	5	9	5
Whitby Twn	6	1	1	4	6	9	4
Rushall Olympic	6	1	1	4	6	11	4
Halesowen Twn	6	1	0	5	4	11	3
S'bridge Celtic	6	1	0	5	2	9	3

Division One South

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Cleethorpes	4	4	0	0	11	3	12
Basford Utd	4	4	0	0	9	2	12
Alvechurch	4	3	1	0	12	4	10
Carlton Twn	5	3	1	1	9	4	10
P'rborough Spts	4	2	2	0	6	1	8
Newcastle Twn	4	2	1	1	9	4	7
Leek Twn	4	2	1	1	6	4	7
S'bridge Pk Stls	5	2	1	2	7	7	7
Spalding Utd	5	2	1	2	6	11	7
Frickley Ath	4	2	0	2	7	4	6
Lincoln Utd	4	1	3	0	5	3	6
Stamford	5	1	3	1	3	3	6
Belper Twn	5	1	2	2	3	6	5
Corby Twn	5	1	1	3	8	10	4
Bedworth Utd	5	1	1	3	5	7	4
Chasetown	4	1	1	2	6	9	4
Sheffield	5	0	4	1	6	9	4
L'borough Dyn	4	1	1	2	5	8	4
Mkt Drayton	4	0	3	1	2	3	3
Kidsgrove Ath	4	0	1	3	4	9	1
Gresley	4	0	1	3	3	11	1
Romulus	4	0	1	3	4	14	1

Hallmark Security Football League

First Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Silsden	6	6	0	0	13	3	18
Whitchurch A	6	5	1	0	16	3	16
L'ld REMYCA	5	4	1	0	15	4	13
Alsager Twn	6	4	1	1	9	6	13
Prestwich H	6	4	0	2	18	7	12
Bacup Boro	6	3	2	1	8	4	11
Abbey H Utd	5	3	2	0	9	6	11
New Mills	5	3	1	1	14	8	10
Cheadle Twn	6	3	1	2	11	10	10
Stockport Twn	6	3	1	2	13	14	10
Blackpool	6	3	0	3	10	10	9
Atherton LR	5	2	1	2	5	4	7
Carlisle City	6	2	1	3	8	9	7
Sandbach Utd	6	2	1	3	7	8	7
Cammell Laird	5	2	0	3	6	11	6
Chadderton	4	1	2	1	9	7	5
Eccleshall	6	1	1	4	8	15	4
Daisy Hill	6	0	2	4	4	9	2
Nelson	5	0	1	4	3	10	1
Holker OB	6	0	1	5	5	23	1
St Helens Twn	4	0	0	4	3	11	0
FC Oswestry	6	0	0	6	9	21	0

Midland Football League

Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Coventry Utd	5	5	0	0	20	5	15
Coleshill Twn	5	5	0	0	13	4	15
Heanor Twn	7	5	0	2	14	11	15
Cov Sphinx	6	4	1	1	9	4	13
Shepshed Dyn	5	4	0	1	16	7	12
B'grove Sptg	5	4	0	1	13	6	12
Lye Twn	5	3	2	0	10	5	11
Worcester City	5	3	1	1	12	6	10
AFC Wulfs	5	3	0	2	6	9	9
Stourport Swifts	6	2	1	3	9	10	7
Rugby Twn	6	2	1	3	8	9	7
Sth Normanton	7	2	1	4	7	16	7
Westfields	4	2	0	2	9	8	6
Rocester	6	2	0	4	11	16	6
Sporting Khalsa	5	1	2	2	8	8	5
Highgate Utd	5	1	2	2	6	7	5
Haughmond	4	1	1	2	3	6	4
Shawbury Utd	5	1	0	4	8	11	3
Long Eaton Utd	6	0	3	3	8	13	3
Boldmere St M	4	0	1	3	5	13	1
Quorn	6	0	1	5	8	18	1
L'boro Unity	6	0	1	5	5	16	1

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Studley	8	6	1	1	16	9	19
Walsall Wood	6	6	0	0	24	4	18
Chelmsley Twn	8	5	0	3	13	17	15
Atherstone Twn	6	4	0	2	17	11	12
Cov C'wood	8	4	0	4	13	10	12
Heath Hayes	7	3	2	2	19	14	11
Ilkeston Twn	7	3	2	2	11	7	11
Lichfield City	6	3	2	1	15	12	11
Bolehall Swifts	8	3	2	3	11	13	11
RC Warwick	7	3	2	2	8	10	11
Leicester Road	6	3	1	2	12	9	10
Hinckley AFC	5	3	0	2	15	9	9
Heather St J	6	3	0	3	16	16	9
Pershore Twn	7	3	0	4	16	16	9
Stafford Twn	8	3	0	5	13	16	9
Paget Rgrs	6	2	1	3	10	9	7
Brocton	5	2	1	2	9	9	7
Uttoxeter Twn	8	2	1	5	14	21	7
Littleton	7	2	0	5	10	12	6
Nuneaton Griff	8	2	0	6	7	22	6
Coventry Alvis	9	2	0	7	7	26	6
Cadbury Ath	6	1	1	4	6	10	4

West Midlands (Regional) League

Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
W'Ton Spt Com	6	6	0	0	30	5	18
Malvern Twn	6	6	0	0	22	8	18
Cradley Twn	9	5	1	3	15	10	16
Ellesmere Rgrs	6	5	0	1	17	7	15
BC Rgrs	7	4	2	1	22	11	14
AFC Bridgnorth	9	4	1	4	18	18	13
Dudley Sports	9	4	1	4	15	23	13
Tividale	5	4	0	1	11	3	12
Wednesfield	8	4	0	4	18	18	12
Bewdley Twn	6	3	2	1	11	6	11
Smethwick	7	3	1	3	14	10	10
Wellington	6	3	0	3	16	15	9
Shifnal Twn	7	3	0	4	16	19	9
Bilston Tn Com	8	2	2	4	15	19	8
Hereford LC	7	2	1	4	10	13	7
Dudley Twn	8	2	1	5	11	21	7
W'Ton Casuals	5	2	0	3	18	12	6
Stone OA	7	2	0	5	11	21	6
Wellington Ams	8	0	2	6	6	31	2
Pegasus Jnrs	8	0	0	8	5	31	0

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Team Dudley	5	4	1	0	16	6	13
Tipton Twn	5	4	1	0	18	9	13
Bustleholme	5	3	1	1	20	9	10
Allscott	5	3	1	1	14	6	10
Newport Twn	4	3	0	1	20	7	9
Worcsr Raiders	4	3	0	1	16	9	9
Darlaston Twn	4	2	2	0	14	11	8
Telford Juniors	5	2	0	3	10	12	6
Old Wulfrunians	4	1	2	1	6	6	5
Wyrley	4	1	1	2	6	9	4
Gornal Ath	5	1	1	3	10	15	4
Bromyard Twn	5	1	1	3	7	13	4
St Martins	4	1	0	3	5	9	3
Kington Twn	5	1	0	4	10	16	3
Wem Twn	4	1	0	3	5	13	3
Willenhall Twn	5	0	1	4	7	32	1
Wrens Nest	1	0	0	1	3	5	0

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Warstone Wdrs	5	5	0	0	30	10	15
Sikh Hunters	5	5	0	0	17	5	15
W'Ton Utd	4	3	1	0	10	3	10
Gornal Colts	4	3	1	0	10	4	10
Wonder Vaults	5	2	1	2	14	9	7
Bewdley Tn Res	3	2	1	0	9	5	7
Rock Rvrs	5	1	3	1	11	13	6
M D'ton Tn Res	5	1	3	1	8	12	6
F C Darlaston	5	2	0	3	8	14	6
AFC Broseley	5	1	2	2	8	12	5
Wednesbury	4	0	3	1	7	9	3
Church Stretton	4	1	0	3	7	9	3
AFC Bilbrook	5	0	3	2	8	12	3
Ludlow	5	0	2	3	9	20	2
Bridgnorth Dev	5	0	1	4	9	18	1
Oldbury Utd	5	0	1	4	7	17	1

Welsh Premier League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Llandudno FC	3	3	0	0	6	0	9
Connahs Quay N	3	2	0	1	7	2	6
Cardiff Met Unity	3	2	0	1	7	3	6
Bangor City	3	2	0	1	7	5	6
The New Saints	3	2	0	1	6	5	6
Bala FC	3	2	0	1	5	4	6
Newtown	3	1	1	1	5	5	4
Cefn Druids	3	1	1	1	3	4	4
Prestatyn	3	1	0	2	1	5	3
Barry Utd	3	0	1	2	1	3	1
Aberystwyth	3	0	1	2	1	5	1
Carmarthen AFC	3	0	0	3	2	10	0

Huws Gray Alliance

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Guilsfield	4	3	1	0	8	2	10
Caernarfon	4	3	0	1	13	5	9
H'head Hotspur	3	3	0	0	7	2	9
Airbus Broughton	4	3	0	1	9	8	9
Porthmadog	4	2	1	1	12	5	7
Flint Utd	3	2	1	0	9	5	7
Rhyl	4	1	3	0	10	5	6
Holywell	4	1	2	1	12	11	5
Caersws	3	1	1	1	5	7	4
FC Queens Park	4	1	1	2	8	12	4
Penrhyncoch	3	1	0	2	5	5	3
Ruthin	4	1	0	3	3	5	3
Denbigh	4	1	0	3	5	14	3
Gresford Athletic	4	0	0	4	3	11	0
Ll'dudno Junction	4	0	0	4	3	15	0

Spar Mid Wales League

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Llanidloes	7	5	0	2	17	13	15
Welshpool	6	4	1	1	14	8	13
Llanrhaeadr	6	4	0	2	17	7	12
Carno	7	3	2	2	14	10	11
Kerry	4	3	1	0	12	6	10
Tywyn Bryncrug	4	3	1	0	10	4	10
Bow Street	6	3	1	2	13	8	10
Llanfair United	7	3	1	3	13	14	10
Knighton	6	2	1	3	12	13	7
Berriew	5	2	1	2	11	12	7
Radnor Valley	7	2	1	4	14	18	7
Aberaeron	4	1	0	3	6	9	3
Machynlleth	4	1	0	3	5	10	3
Churchstoke	4	1	0	3	4	11	3
Borth Utd	5	1	0	4	3	11	3
Ll'dod Wells	6	1	0	5	6	17	3

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Dolgellau	3	3	0	0	10	3	9
Talgarth	4	2	1	1	9	4	7
Hay St Marys	3	2	1	0	8	3	7
Abermule	2	1	1	0	7	6	4
Builth Wells	2	1	1	0	3	2	4
Dyffryn Banw	3	1	0	2	5	6	3
Brecon N'cote	3	1	0	2	5	7	3
Presteigne St A	3	1	0	2	4	9	3
Llansantffraid	2	0	2	0	6	6	2
Montgomery	2	0	1	1	3	4	1
N'bridge-on-Wye	3	0	1	2	2	6	1
Aberystwyth Uni	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Penybont Utd	2	0	0	2	1	7	0

Shropshire Premier League

Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Newport Res	2	2	0	0	11	4	6
Clee Hill United	2	1	0	1	11	5	3
O'gates Rgrs Yth	2	1	0	1	11	8	3
Prees	1	1	0	0	7	4	3
Oakengates Ath1	1	0	0	4	1	3	
Shrewsbury Jnrs	1	1	0	0	6	4	3
Madeley Sports	1	0	0	1	1	4	0
Shifnal United 97	1	0	0	1	2	8	0
Craven Arms	1	0	0	1	1	7	0
Gobowen Celtic	2	0	0	2	6	15	0

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Coven United	2	1	1	0	8	3	4
St Martins Village	2	1	1	0	3	2	4
Albrighton	2	1	0	1	6	1	3
Claverley	1	1	0	0	4	2	3
Stoke Heath	1	1	0	0	4	2	3
Madeley Spt Res	2	1	0	1	2	6	3
Brown Clee	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
W'dine Wd Jnrs	2	0	0	2	2	5	0
Denso	2	0	0	2	2	10	0

J T Hughes Montgomeryshire Amateur League

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bishops Castle	3	2	1	0	11	3	7
Llanfair Utd Res	3	2	0	1	12	6	6
Meifod	2	2	0	0	6	1	6
Four Crosses	3	1	2	0	7	6	5
Trewern	2	1	1	0	5	3	4
Waterloo Rovers	4	1	1	2	8	9	4
Llanymynech	3	1	1	1	6	7	4
Maesyrhandir	3	1	0	2	9	10	3
Guilsfield Res	3	0	2	1	5	7	2
Morda United	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Llanfyllin	2	0	0	2	1	5	0
Caersws Res	2	0	0	2	0	13	0

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Llangedwyn	4	4	0	0	24	4	12
Forden United	4	4	0	0	21	4	12
Abermule Res	4	2	1	1	12	10	7
Kerry Res	4	2	0	2	14	18	6
Trefonen	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Carno Res	3	1	0	2	10	8	3
Llanrhaeadr Res	3	1	0	2	10	17	3
Churchstoke Res	4	0	2	2	7	13	2
Llanfyllin Res	2	0	1	1	1	4	1
Welshpool Res	2	0	1	1	2	9	1
Newtown Wdrs	3	0	1	2	3	11	1
Llanfechain	2	0	0	2	2	11	0

Greenhous Shrewsbury & District Sunday League

Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Cruckton Rovers	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
The Gates	1	1	0	0	4	3	3
Compasses	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Beacon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Instones United	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kinnerley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Loppington	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Coton Rovers	1	0	0	1	3	4	0
Radbrook	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Telegraph	1	0	0	1	0	3	0

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Unison	1	1	0	0	4	2	3
Harlescott Rgrs	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Afc Fountain	1	0	1	0	4	4	1
Bomere Heath	1	0	1	0	4	4	1
Norbury	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Snailbeach	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
White Lion	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Red Barne	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
S.A.H.A.	1	0	0	1	2	4	0

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Brockton Rovers	1	1	0	0	7	2	3
Beeches	1	1	0	0	5	2	3
Dudleston Heath	1	1	0	0	5	3	3
Bull In The Barne	1	1	0	0	3	2	3
Charles Darwin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minsterley Rgrs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Onslow	1	0	0	1	2	3	0
Dun Cow	1	0	0	1	3	5	0
Wheatsheaf	1	0	0	1	2	5	0
Heath Farm Rgrs	1	0	0	1	2	7	0

Division 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Craven Arms	1	1	0	0	8	0	3
Dolphin Afc	1	1	0	0	6	3	3
Crown A F'gate	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Dorrington	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Boca Seniors	1	0	1	0	3	3	1
Rock Rovers	1	0	1	0	3	3	1
Old PO Wem	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Compasses BH	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Dun Cow Youth	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Unicorn	1	0	0	1	3	6	0
Coracle United	1	0	0	1	0	8	0

Telford Flooring Telford Sunday Football League

Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Dawley	1	1	0	0	6	2	3
Celtic Spartans	1	1	0	0	5	1	3
Riverside	1	1	0	0	4	1	3
Whitehorse Ath	1	1	0	0	4	2	3
The Talbot	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shifnal Nth End	1	0	0	1	2	4	0
Travellers Joy	1	0	0	1	1	4	0
Joiners Arms	1	0	0	1	2	6	0
Captain Webb	1	0	0	1	1	5	0

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bulls Head DBV	1	1	0	0	4	1	3
Telford Rangers	1	1	0	0	3	2	3
Black Horse	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Britannia	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
AFC Broseley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kings Arms MD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
St Georges	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
W'dine Wd Wdrs	1	0	0	1	2	3	0
Crown Dawley	1	0	0	1	1	4	0

Tanners Claret Shropshire Bowling League

Shropshire Division 1

	P	W	L	D	P
Ludlow Castle	20	13	6	1	180
Telepost	21	15	6	0	180
Prince Hotel A	21	13	8	0	169
Elephant & Castle	20	14	6	0	168
Pontesbury A	21	12	9	0	167
Castlefields	21	13	8	0	160
Meole Brace A	22	10	12	0	153
Battlefield	21	9	12	0	143
Hanwood	22	11	11	0	141
Whittington	19	8	11	0	123
Ifton	20	8	12	0	121
George	21	7	14	0	118
Abbey A	21	7	13	1	115
POWBC	22	5	17	0	106

Shropshire Division 2

	P	W	L	D	P
Crescent	21	16	5	0	201
OSBC	22	14	8	0	184
Bishops Castle	22	14	8	0	176
Pontesbury B	22	12	10	0	167
Prince Hotel B	22	10	12	0	160
Meole Brace V	21	12	9	0	149
Craven Arms	19	10	9	0	146
Unison	22	10	12	0	142
Bicton A	20	12	8	0	140
Greenfields Social	21	9	12	0	130
Oxon Village	22	8	14	0	126
Frankwell	20	8	12	0	123
Wem BC	22	8	14	0	122
Bayston Hill	22	6	16	0	120

Shropshire Division 3

	P	W	L	D	P
Hadnall	18	14	4	0	175
Burway	18	12	6	0	158
Oxon	17	13	4	0	144
Church Club	17	10	7	0	143
Albert Road BC	18	10	8	0	140
Wem USC	19	10	9	0	134
Bagley	18	10	8	0	133
S'side St Julians	19	10	9	0	123
Abbey B	16	6	10	0	98
Bicton B	18	2	16	0	63
Worthen & Brockton	18	1	17	0	61

Shrewsbury Division 1

	P	W	L	D	P
Pontesbury A	18	16	2	0	154
Castlefields B	18	15	3	0	150
Prince Hotel A	19	13	6	0	140
Crescent A	18	12	6	0	125
Telepost A	18	11	7	0	122
Hanwood A	18	10	8	0	113
Abbey A	18	7	11	0	93
Meole Brace A	18	6	12	0	87
Oxon Village	18	3	15	0	80
OSBC B	19	5	14	0	79
St Julians	18	2	16	0	57

Shrewsbury Division 2

	P	W	L	D	P
Battlefield A	20	16	4	0	162
Pontesbury B	20	11	9	0	135
Bicton A	20	12	7	1	132
Prince Hotel B	20	12	8	0	130
Unison	20	10	10	0	127
Corbet Arms	20	12	8	0	126
Abbey B	20	12	8	0	123
Meole Brace V	20	10	10	0	115
Albert Road BC	20	6	13	1	109
Battlefield B	20	7	13	0	96
Greenfields Social A	20	5	15	0	93
Bayston Hill A	20	6	14	0	92

Shrewsbury Division 3

	P	W	L	D	P
Monkmoor A	20	15	5	0	147
Bagley A	20	12	8	0	144
POWBC A	20	13	7	0	136
Meole Brace B	20	11	9	0	134
Oxon	20	13	7	0	130
Telepost B	20	11	9	0	122
Frankwell	20	9	11	0	113
Bicton B	20	8	12	0	113
Castlefields C	20	10	10	0	112
Dorrington	20	7	13	0	111
Osbc A	20	5	15	0	91
Hanwood B	20	6	14	0	87

Shrewsbury Division 4

	P	W	L	D	P
POWBC B	20	17	3	0	172
Crescent B	20	19	1	0	167
Greenfields Social B	20	15	5	0	159
Pontesbury C	20	13	7	0	150
Meole Brace C	20	13	7	0	134
Elephant & Castle	20	13	7	0	133
Pontesbury D	20	10	10	0	124
Worthen & Brockton	20	6	14	0	97
Bayston Hill B	20	5	15	0	91
Severnside	20	6	14	0	89
Bagley B	20	3	17	0	67
Monkmoor B	20	0	20	0	57

Market Drayton Seniors Bowling League

Division 1

	P	W	P
Adderley A	136	107	2697
Woore A	136	84	2470
Con Club A	136	75	2428
Wem A	136	71	2398
Adderley B	136	64	2288
Audlem A	136	56	2260
Prees	136	64	2239
Victoria A	136	51	2217
Ash A	136	55	2141
Joules MD	136	53	2126

Division 2

	P	W	P
Cheswardine	136	89	2538
Slaters A	136	78	2474
Wem B	136	84	2429
Norton In Hales A	136	71	2389
Nantwich Barony	136	71	2296
Audlem B	136	67	2238
Calverhall B	136	64	2202
Tilstock	136	61	2176
Wollerton	136	48	2119
Ash B	136	47	2064

Division 3

	P	W	P
Wem C	136	95	2550
Wrenbury	136	83	2372
Norton In Hales B	136	75	2357
Victoria B	136	67	2345
Con Club B	136	70	2337
Woore B	136	71	2331
Adderley C	136	65	2261
Slaters B	136	55	2188
Calverhall A	136	53	2063
Victoria C	136	46	2018

Results

Division 1: Joules MD 156(6), Audlem A 130(2); Adderley B 152(5), Ash A 137(3); Wem A 146(5), Con Club A 120(3); Woore A 138(6), Victoria A 118(2); Prees 121(3), Adderley A 145(5)

Division 2: Cheswardine 161(7), Nantwich Barony 114(1); Wem B 156(7), Wollerton 102(1); Slaters A 147(4), Norton In Hales A 146(4); Audlem B 145(5), Tilstock 109(3); Ash B 140(2), Calverhall B 156(6)

Division 3: Con Club B 164(7), Slaters B 115(1); Wrenbury 155(6), Woore B 118(2); Calverhall A 144(5), Victoria B 135(3); Norton In Hales B 140(5), Adderley C 130(3); Victoria C 102(2), Wem C 152(6)

Mid Wales Bowling Final League Table

(The Old Forge Garage, Hay on Wye)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Presteigne	16	15	0	11377845			199
Llandrindod	16	14	0	21377820			185
Builth Wells	16	12	0	411341010147			
Talgarth	16	9	0	710741089115			
Rhayader	16	6	0	10973.25112290			
Brecon	16	7	0	9	9991167		86
Hay On Wye	16	4	0	1210191147			74
Knighton	16	2	0	14	8951244		56
Spa Bowlers	16	3	0	13	8971301		44

Wrockwardine Wood Monday Night Domino League

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Rec Club	19	16	3	88	45	120
Dun Cow	19	13	6	80	53	106
B+White	19	13	6	79	54	105
Bullshead	19	14	5	75	58	103
Trench S/Club	19	13	6	72	61	98
Duke B	19	11	8	69	64	91
W/Horse F/R	19	11	8	64	69	86
W/Horse A	19	10	9	66	67	86
Football	19	9	10	66	67	84
Coalport B	19	8	11	61	72	77
Wendy	19	7	12	63	70	77
Coalport A	19	6	13	60	73	72
Foresters	19	7	12	57	76	71
Duke A	19	5	14	57	76	67
W/Horse B	19	5	14	54	79	64
C/Cheese	19	4	15	53	80	61

Homing returns

Clee Hill HS (Kingsdown): R Stokes & son 1495.7, 1495.2, 1491.5; Williams & Wilks 1481.9. (Blandford): R Stokes & son 1438.6, 1438.5, 1438.3, 1438.3.

Donnington (Yeovil): Mr & Mrs Horton 1478.64; T Greenfield 1466.45, 1464.79; M & B Benting 1459.43; T Greenfield 1425.31; Mr & Mrs Horton 1419.42.

Ironbride HS (Kingsdown): D Smith 1441.57; M Jones 1439.53; D Smith 1439.03, 1436.77; M Jones 1433.90, 1432.78

Ludlow HS (Kingsdown): B Morse 1453, 1387.

Shrewsbury Telepost HS (Kingsdown): C Gough 1339; Mr & Mrs A Edwards 1290; E Watkins 1282, 1276.

St Georges FC (Bath): Mr & Mrs Horton 1423.43, 1391.16; P Stevens 1379.94; Mr & Mrs Horton 1377.86; H & R Taylor 1346.29; S Plant 1334.52.

Paragon's Time Trial sees bumper final entry

THE final event in the Oswestry Paragon Time Trial series saw 49 riders make the best of their last chance to race on the Queens Head-Gobowen course this year.

Rounding off a great season of competition which saw a new course record of 19 minutes eight seconds from Josh Williams, and a ladies record of 23.11 from Becky Lewis.

The final win of the year went to Dyfan Evans of Fibrax-Wrexham RC, with Evans crossing the line in 22.06, putting him ahead of Gary Duncan of Paramount CRT (22.40), with Angelo DeRosa of Graham Weigh RT third in 22,45.

Neil Coles was fourth overall and fastest Paragon rider after clocking 23.11, recording his quickest time of the year to take home the silverware for the men's points series and fastest veteran on age related standard.

Tom Richardson was the second Paragon rider in 23.41, ahead of Glyn Jones (23.57), but the places were reversed in the overall series with Jones taking second place.

Glyn Jones also won the handicap trophy for the most improved rider after knocking nearly a minute and a half off his time during the year, putting him ahead of Ian Carson and Jack Young.

Fastest junior and in fifth place overall went to Ben Pierce of Mid Shropshire Wheelers in 23.12.

Second junior was his team mate Kieran Morris in 24.13, with another rider who has made big improvements over the year Jack Young recording another personal best to take third with 26.05.

Two Hafren CC riders battled it out to be fastest lady with Emma Serjeant in 25.43, just ahead of team mate Louise Downward (26.11) with Mid Shropshire Wheeler's Jenny York third 26.24.

Fastest of the junior ladies was Lucy Hart of Mid Shropshire Wheelers in exactly 27 minutes, coming home ahead of another Mids' rider Megan Jones (31.24) and Paragon rider Lucy Hammonds (32.56).

Welshpool's return proves day to forget

WELSHPOOL endured a tough start to life in the Welsh National League division two (north) as they slumped to an emphatic 78-0 loss at home to Denbigh.

The visitors ran in 12 tries to dampen the celebrations of Welshpool who were marking their 50th anniversary since being reformed.

Although Pool competed well in the set pieces, Denbigh had the upper hand in the loose and through the excellent support play of the forwards, with their incisive back division carving several openings which they finished with clinical efficiency.

Full back Gruff Roberts took the scoring honours with a hat-trick of high quality tries, while centres Tom Seddon and Owain Davies each scored a brace.

Others were scored by wings Aidyn Jones and Jordan Wynne and from replacement hooker Dafydd Jones and half backs Garin Roberts and Dan O'Sullivan who also converted nine.

Welshpool could take some comfort from their performance in the early stages of the game, dominating the opening 15 minutes as they lay siege to the Denbigh line.

But the visitors weathered the storm through their watertight defence and gradually worked their way upfield, and were always on control once Gruff Roberts sliced through down the left for the opening try.

They led 28-0 at half time, before tightening their grip in the second half with a string of well-taken touchdowns to underline their title credentials.

Monty looking to clear the danger

MONTGOMERY continue to flirt with relegation danger in the Henshalls Shropshire League division one after slipping to a four wicket loss at home to Lilleshall.

Put in to bat, they were bowled out for 130 in 41 overs, Aaron Ruff-Cock holding the innings together with 50 before the hosts lost a late flurry of wickets as James Williamson finished with 6-21.

Monty, lying third bottom, battled hard in the field, with Edward Bennett taking 3-39 and Ruff-Cock a brace, but Oli Todd's 56 helped Lilleshall to their target in 37.3 overs with four wickets in hand.

WELSHPOOL climbed into the upper reaches of the first division table after clinching a tense two wicket win at Shrewsbury club Beacon.

Put in to bat on the Frankwell ground, Beacon toiled to 105 all out, thanks largely to 52 from opener Jakob Woodhouse while Robert Anderson was the star with the ball in taking 6-11 off 8.2 overs as the hosts collapsed from 78-3. Tom Anderson also chipped in with 2-36 off 10 overs.

Shaky start

Welshpool made a shaky start in reply as they found themselves 32-6, but edged over the line thanks to an unbeaten 30 from Dale Evans, with Russell Cadwallader (24) adding useful support. James Martindale proved a handful for Beacon in taking 4-25 off 13 overs.

ELLESMERE had a day to forget as they crashed to an eight wicket defeat at Pontesbury in division two after being skittled for just 37.

Opener Fraser Duncan (17) was the only player to reach double figures as Mike Bellamore tore the heart out of the innings with 7-15 off eight overs, Stephen Wilson also chipping in with 3-18.

Despite losing two early wickets in reply to Ashley Thomas and George Duncan, Pontesbury cruised home with Ryan Davies finishing on 22 not out.

By contrast, **ELLESMERE II** were in the runs as they proved too strong for Allscott III in the 2nd XI League division three.

Lee Thomas top scored with 76 as the Meresiders racked up 234-5 in 40 overs, Nigel Davies also weighing in with 45 not out and Ryan Newton 36.

Allscott were then skittled for just 59 in reply, Mike Lewis grabbing 4-21 and Troy Newton 2-17 as they side finished 175-run winners.

Impressive Eagles off to flying start

RUGBY by John Bridgwater

OSWESTRY'S rugby players quickly put last season's struggles behind them as they got off to the perfect start in the South Lancs and Cheshire Two with a 36-24 opening day success away to Dukinfield.

The Eagles were up against it for most of last term in division one, and managed just two wins throughout to finish at the foot of the table.

But they got off a flier this time around after making the long journey to the Pennines, with their strength and fitness coming to the fore.

Dukinfield, who had won all their pre-season games, started with purpose, scoring an early penalty, but the visitors steadied the ship and started to provide quick ball for the lively backs.

A terrific move and passing cut the home defence apart, with the pace of Ivor Hughes seeing him speed over in the corner for an unconverted try.

A second touchdown soon followed when Gaz Hughes intercepted a sloppy pass to sprint three quarters of the pitch and outpace the defence before putting the ball down under the posts, Fin Grogan converting for a 12-3 lead.

With their pre-season fitness giving them the edge, the Eagles were now moving the ball at will and with flair, and went close to another score through captain Andy Smith.

Luca Owen-Youens was now making his presence felt with powerful running, and he linked with Tom Henry Jones who stormed over, with Grogan converting.

A Grogan penalty made it 22-3, before the home side pulled back a converted score with a converted try from a line-out.

Bonus point

But Oswestry were to have the last word in the half, with the whole team working their way closer to the line before Tom Henry Jones went over again, Grogan converting for a 29-10 interval lead - with the bonus points in the bag for four tries.

Dukenfield rallied after the break, with their forwards keeping the ball well, but their efforts were met by some solid and strong defence, notably when Owen-Youens made a try saving tackle down the left wing.

The home pressure told as they forced their way over the line for a converted score, but thoughts of a fightback were cooled when Tom H Jones took advantage of some slack play to go over for another try, Grogan converting.

Matt Bowyer came off injured, with Mike Keaveny coming on to increase the strength of the front row, and the visitors held firm despite Dukinfield gaining some consolation with a converted try in the last play of the game.

Oswestry can take plenty of heart from their performance under new coach Kevin Whitehead, and will look to build on that in Saturday's home meeting with Stockport side Heaton Moor (3pm)

While Gaz Hughes was named man-of-the-match, Matt Bowyer, Tudor Jones, Dan Smart and Liam Williams all stepped up to the mark in an excellent start to the season.

Oswestry's second string slipped to a 17-12 loss at home to Knutsford in the North West League division four. They are away to Macclesfield IV on Saturday.

Glas batsmen sparkle in win

Cae Glas batsmen Gaz Edgerton (left) and George Candler who put on an unbeaten 148 for the second wicket in their side's victory at St Georges

HOPES of promotion may have faded, but Cae Glas rekindled their early season form as they returned to winning ways with an excellent nine wicket success at St Georges III in the Henshalls Shropshire League division three.

Aftter two successive defeats that saw them slip into mid-table, the Glas were determined to stop the rot when they headed to Telford, and responded in fine fashion with both bat and ball.

In particular, it was the batsmen who shone with Gaz Edgerton (74no) and George Candler (46no) forming a decisive unbeaten 148-run stand for the second wicket to seal the victory.

After winning a rare toss, the visitors elected to bowl under warm, sunny skies in this 40 over match but, despite taking an early wicket, could not prevent St Georges from steadily accumulating runs.

At the hallway stage, they were scoring at four runs an over for the loss of just two wickets, with Mo Arif (who top scored with 39) causing most concern to the Cae Glas team.

However, once he was removed by an excellent catch by Alex Phillips, it enabled the visitors to build the pressure.

Excellent fielding, which included two run outs, and some tight bowling, slowed down the run rate and further wickets started to fall. However, a late rally by skipper Chris Cousins, who finished unbeaten on 37, ensured a decent score was set with St Georges ending on 154-7 off their alloted 40 overs.

All six of the Cae Glas bowlers bowled very well with Gary Davies taking 2-30 and Dave Edwards, Nick Broadbent, Alex Carter and Andy Hughes all chipping in with one-apiece.

Having failed with the bat in the previous two weeks, the Glas soon lost an early wicket in the third over with only seven runs on the board.

However, captain George Candler and vice-captain Gaz Edgerton applied themselves well to slowly started to build a partnership.

As the game went on, Edgerton, in particular, started to dispatch the ball to all parts of the ground to continue his recent form with the bat. As a result, the second wicket partnership of 148 was enough to secure the win in the 32nd over, with Edgerton top scoring with 74 not out and George Candler a patient unbeaten 46.

Eight bowlers were used by the home side, but only Sam Chambers took a wicket, finishing with 1-15.

Next up for Cae Glas is a home game against Hodnet, Peplow and Tibberton on Saturday as they look to finish the season in style.

CAE GLAS II edged a low scoring by three wickets at St Georges to boost their fortunes in the 2nd XI League division three.

After dismissing their Telford hosts for a meagre 57 with Shaun Southern taking 7-23, the Glas were made to struggle themselves before edging over the line thanks to 26 extras.

GUILSFIELD narrowly missed out in a last ball thriller at home to Hinstock in the Shropshire League division four.

Opting to bat first, the Mid Wales side posted a challenging 190-9 in their 40 overs

But Hinstock were up for the chase as they got home by four wickets when hitting the winning runs off the final ball. They collected 25 points, while the home side had just eight for their efforts.

Shropshire Cricket Lge fixtures at weekend

Saturday

Premier Division

Market Drayton v Quatt; Madeley v Broseley; Wem v Worfield; Frankton v Albrighton; Whitchurch v Ludlow; Newtown v St Georges.

Division One

Wroxeter Grove v Montgomery; Lilleshall v Knockin & Kinnerley; Bomere Heath v Beacon; Welshpool v Shelton; Forton v Cound; Alberbury v Condover.

Division Two

Willey v Allscott; Church Stretton v Church Aston; Prees v Shrewsbury 3; Wellington 3 v Bishop's Castle; Wheaton Aston v Pontesbury; Ellesmere v Shifnal 3.

Division Three

Acton Reynald v Chelmarsh; Corvedale v St Georges 3; Cae Glas v Hodnet, Peplow & Tibberton; Iscoyd & Fenns Bank v Ludlow 3; Trysull & Seisdon v Harpers; Calverhall v Much Wenlock.

Division Four

Coton Hall v Overton on Dee; Wroxeter Grove 3 v Quayside; Oswestry 3 v Llanidloes; Allscott 2 v Guilsfield.

Second Teams

Division One

Knockin & Kinnerley 2 v Madeley 2; Quatt 2 v Wroxeter Grove 2; Cound 2 v Whitchurch 2; Shelton 2 v Frankton 2; Worfield 2 v Wem 2; St Georges 2 v Alberbury 2.

Division Two

Condover 2 v Market Drayton 2; Beacon 2 v Bomere Heath 2; Ludlow 2 v Newtown 2; Montgomery 2 v Iscoyd & Fenns Bank 2; Shifnal 4 v Wellington 4; Pontesbury 2 v Lilleshall 2; Albrighton 2 v Willey 2; Broseley 2 v Forton 2.

Division Three

Allscott 3 v Lilleshall 4; Beacon 3 v Cae Glas 2; Bishops Castle 2 v Welshpool 2; Much Wenlock 2 v Ellesmere 2; Quatt 3 v Acton Reynald 2; St Georges 4 v Corvedale 2.

Sunday

Division One

Wem 3 v Alberbury 3; Worfield 3 v Cound 3; Wellington 5 v Frankton 3; Newport 3 v Sentinel 3; Lilleshall 3 v Knockin & Kinnerley 3; Bomere Heath 3 v Whitchurch 3.

Division Two

Knockin & Kinnerley 4 v Ludlow 4; Bridgnorth 4 v Madeley 3; Market Drayton 3 v Wellington 6; Oswestry 4 v Pontesbury 3; Madeley 4 v Shrewsbury 4.

Knockin are well beaten by champs

KNOCKIN & KINNERLEY became the latest side to succumb to Bomere Heath as they suffered a 99-run defeat to the newly crowned champions of the Henshalls Shropshire League division one.

Put in to bat, runaway leaders Bomere prospered to the tune of 212-8 in 45 overs, Australian opener Travis Keys smashing 102 off 95 deliveries with two sixes and 16 fours. Jonny Evans was the most successful of the bowlers with 4-55 off 12 overs. Knockin were soon in trouble in reply, and struggled to 113 all out.

It was also a disappointing day for **KNOCKIN & KINNERLEY II** who were bowled out for just 69 in their eight wicket loss to Wem II in division one. Marcus Williams (15) and tailender Daniel Morris (14) were the only two batsmen in double figures for Knockin before Wem reached the modest target without too much alarm.

FRANKTON were well beaten by 119 runs at Worfield as they remain in the lower reaches of the premier division. A century from opener Tom Whitney (102) saw Worfield make 236 all out, Abdullah Asif was the pick of the visiting bowlers with 5-50.

Frankton could only muster 117 in the 30th over.

Third team taste defeat

OSWESTRY III went down by four wickets to Quayside in the Shropshire League division four after being dismissed for 104, Jim Phillips top scoring on 31.

Ivor Pearsall (2-36) and Ben Wilson (2-13) then took two wickets apiece as Quayside were made to work hard for the runs, before getting home thanks to Steve Hosking's 47.

Spot-on New Saints march on in the cup

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

The New Saints 1 Livingston 1 (aet, TNS win 6-5 on penalties)

THE New Saints kept their flag flying in the Scottish IRN-BRU Cup by overcoming Livingston in a tense penalty shoot-out after the tie had finished 1-1 at Park Hall.

Beaten semi-finalists last season, the Saints were made to fight all the way to get through the second round with the decisive moment coming when Livi's Scott Pitman ballooned his spot kick over the bar.

Saints keeper Paul Harrison made a crucial save in the shootout, while also converting a penalty himself as the decider went to sudden death.

Jamie Mullan, Greg Draper, Chris Seargeant, Connell Rawlinson and Jon Routledge were also successful from the spot as the Welsh Premier side finally prevailed 6-5.

On a rainy afternoon, there was little between the sides throughout with TNS taking a 20th minute lead when Aeron Edwards headed home a free kick.

But Livingston were back on terms when substitute Dylan Mackin planted a glancing header into the net on 64 minutes.

That was how it stayed despite opportunities at both ends, with the Scottish Championship visitors missing a golden chance late in extra time as sub Nikolay Todorov rattled the bar with the goal gaping.

Both sides would reflect they had enough chances and goalmouth skirmishes to have settled the issue in normal time.

Livingston, having made the 300-mile trip from north of the border, were proving a lively force as they looked to avenge a 3-0 defeat last season, with Declan Gallagher hooking an early effort over the bar.

The Saints were also playing at a good tempo, and carved a good opening when Mullan pulled the ball back from the right byline, but Wes Fletcher's shot lacked any real power.

However, the Oswestry side were ahead on 20 minutes when Edwards ghosted in to plant his diving header past keeper Neil Alexander after meeting Simon Spender's free kick from the right.

Blaine Hudson saw a goalbound header cleared. but the Scottish Championship visitors had their moments, with Pittman's shot from the edge of the box cleared off the line.

The second half continued in similar vein, with Robbie Parry's free kick whistling just wide for TNS, while Josh Mullin's rasping drive drifted inches past the post for the Scots.

But Livingston were level on 64 minutes when Mullin whipped in a cross from the right and sub Mackin glanced his near post header into the far corner of the net.

Despite their endeavours, neither camp could find the killer touch in extra time as the energy sapping encounter drifted towards penalties.

But Livingston should have won it four minutes from time when sub Todorov hit the bar with the goal at his mercy.

Town looking for elusive win

Town's Jack Harris holds off an opponent during the defeat to Stockport. ■ *Pic: Ian Jones.*

IT was another blank day for FC Oswestry Town who are still chasing their first points in the Hallmark North West Counties League division one following a 5-1 loss to Stockport Town at Park Hall.

A sixth straight defeat has now left Town at the foot of the table, and desperate for a change of fortune this week. Ashley Stott scored twice in the first half, Ben Halfacre also on target for a 3-0 interval lead.

Despite a terrific solo effort from Joe Newton on the hour, two further goals from Jamie Hinchcliffe on 65 and 85 minutes sealed the points for the visitors, and another disappointing afternoon for Town.

Hinchcliffe sounded a warning when hitting the post, before the visitors were ahead as Stott slotted in from a Hinchcliffe cross.

Another flowing attack saw Stott finish off the post to double the lead on 40 minutes before Halfacre made it three just before the break.

Sucker punch

Oswestry threatened a fightback after the interval with a great reply from Newton, but hopes of a revival were hit by a sucker punch as Hinchcliffe slotted in No4.

Stockport keeper Dylan Forth pulled off two smart saves before Hinchcliffe's second of the afternoon with a fine finish from a Will Hartley assist sealed the victory five minutes from time.

A few days before, FC Oswestry Town's losing run continued with a closely fought 2-1 reverse at Alsager Town,

After trailing to Josh Glover's opener, they were back on terms through Brendon Price's reply right on half time, but returned home empty handed as Oliver Jepson bagged a second Alsager goal 10 minutes into the second period.

It was another busy week for the Oswestry side who were home to Sandbach United on Tuesday night before heading to Wolverhampton Sporting Community on Saturday in the first qualifying round of the Buildbase FA Vase.

Cup holders TNS look to spark in trip to Flint

HOLDERS The New Saints face a tricky trip to Flint Town United in the second round of the Nathaniel MG Cup.

The Saints had a bye in the first round round while ambitious Flint, of the Huws Gray Cymru Alliance, were 1-0 winners away to Rhyl.

Newtown, who secured a 1-0 passage at Welsh Premier rivals Bala Town thanks to a second half penalty from ex TNS forward Jamie Reed, have been drawn at home to Holywell Town who overcame Prestatyn Town on penalties in the previous round. Draw:

Aberystwyth Town v Airbus UK Broughton, Barry Town United v Afan Lido, Cardiff Met v Pontypridd Town, Connah's Quay Nomads v Bangor City, Flint Town United v The New Saints, Haverfordwest County v Carmarthen Town, Holyhead Hotspur v Caernarfon Town, Newtown v Holywell Town. Ties to be played on Tuesday, October 3.

Caersws failed to progress in the Nathaniel MG Cup as they were edged out 2-0 at home to Welsh Premier side Aberystwyth Town.

The Cymru Alliance hosts had high hopes against the Seasiders who had just one point from their first three league games, but they succumbed to goals from Ashley Young and Jack Rimmer.

Young's opener on 22 minutes was a controversial effort following strong claims for offside, while Rimmer scored in the second half four minutes after coming on as substitute.

Ex-Aber man Luke Sherbon missed a late opportunity to pull a goal back from the penalty spot against the club he left last season.

By George! Church are promoted

WITH one match remaining, Church A clinched promotion from the Oswestry and District Bowling League's second division courtesy of a 6-4 (140-126) victory at George.

Martin Williams, Brian Canlet and Phil Laker all prevailed to nine to set up the win, which also kept alive hopes of lifting the crown in this week's final round of fixtures.

Paul Kendrick was the pick of the replies for George who, lying third bottom, still have work to do if they are to avoid the drop

Church are second in the table, two points adrift of leaders Cynwyd A who were 7-3 (146-126) home winners against fourth placed WESTON RHYN A for whom Sue Taylor (21-13) recorded their best card.

LLANRHAEADR A's hopes of promotion are over despite their convincing 8-2 (157-98) beating of Llangynog A in which Steve Jones (21-3), Dave Hayward (21-4) and Emyr Roberts (21-7) were their best performances.

At the other end of the table, CHURCH B put paid to any relegation fears with an 8-2 (150-99) home success against visiting ELLESMERE A.

WHITTINGTON B, propping up the table, face a battle to avoid the drop despite their 6-4 (138-128) home verdict against YE OLDE CROFTE A.

Peter Williams (21-6) and Brian Sinker (21-8) were the top cards for the home side, while Julian Edwards was the best of the Crofte responses to 12.

BLACK LION remain in the mix as the promotion race in the Oswestry and District Bowling League division three heads for an exciting final night.

Just four points separate the top four sides, with Lion well placed in second after their 7-3 (147-128) home victory over FOX LANE. Andrew Jones led the way for the home team with a 21-7 success, while Ben Parkes (21-9) pick of the replies.

The latest returns from Shropshire golf clubs

HENLLE PARK

Late August Individual Stableford Division 1: Ron W Jones 44pts; Jack Harris 41pts; Craig Hughes 40pts; Division 2: Steve Meredith 38pts; Colin Forsyth 36pts (cb); Jeremy Rose 36pts; Division 3: Phil Davies 41pts; John Price 37pts (cb); Dawn Lawlor 37pts.

Dave Salter 9 Hole Comp: Phil Davies 21pts; Tom Coulson 20pts (cb); Tom Hampson 20pts.

Seniors' Captain's Trophy Division 1: Alun Edwards 69 (cb); Phil Wilkinson 69; Division 2: Paul Hampson 70; Ken Twist 75.

HILL VALLEY

Medal (Sapphire): B Foster 84-18=66; C Huxley 80-12=68. J R Jones 96-27=69.

Shop Stableford (12/13 Aug): R Wynn 38pts ((06); J Robinson-Parker 35pts (10); S France 32pts (17).

Shop Stableford (19 Aug): P Rudd 45pts (20); R Beddows 37pts (18); F Howard 32pts (23).

Ladies' Medal Winners Trophy: C Ellwood 92-21=71; S DeBarro 98-25=73; S Wynn 96-21=75.

Stella Dodd Rose Bowl: C Ellwood 34pts (21); S Tamura 32pts (24); B Siertsema 32pts (29).

Stableford (Emerald): C Ellwood 37 pts (20); G Thomas 35pts (19); S Wynn 33pts (21).

MILE END

Annual President's Day Competition Division 1: Kieran Davies 39pts (President's Trophy Winner); Gordon Manson 34pts; Roy Roberts 34pts; Division 2: Ian Thomas 38pts; Bob Grovestock-Thompson 36pts; Paul Eke 34pts. Nearest Pin: Bob Grovestock-Thompson 33 inches. Men Nearest Pin in Two: Kieran Davies 4 ft.

Ladies' Joanne Williams 38pts (cb); Janice Turner 38pts. Nearest Pin: Angela Eke 12ft 4 in.

OSWESTRY

August Medal Division 1: Connor Owen 69-4=65; John Hewett 73-6=67 (cb); Darren Pardoe 72-5=67; David Lightwood 75-7=68; Jason Harris 78-9=69; Matthew Jones 72-2=70 (cb); Division 2: William Woodward 78-10=68; Glyn Hughes 79-10=69; Jeremy Edmondson 86-15=71; Gareth Jones 82-10=72 (cb); Richard Roberts 85-13=72; Colin Chilles 84-11=73; Division 3: Anthony Doleman 86-21=65; Mike Edge 83-17=66; Steven Pierce (2257) 93-26=67 (cb); Phil Wolstenholme 88-21=67; Mike Hughes 86-17=69 (cb); Phil Hayward 85-16=69. Best Gross: Connor Owen 69.

Four Ball Better Ball Stableford: Paul Huggett (Oswestry) & Gaz Bull (Bloxwich) 45pts (cb); Mike Jones (Oswestry) & John Hopkin (Tamworth) 45pts; Steve Bent & Ed Johnson (The Shropshire) 44pts (cb); Lawrence Bray & Liam Bray (Ashridge) 44pts; Carl Bodnieks & Dave Blakeley (Worfield) 43pts (cb).

Ladies' EG Medal Silver Division: Tania Pearce 75-4-71; Susan Graham-Wood 90-16-74; Julia Taylor 94-19-75 (cb).

Bronze Division: Dorothy Motram 101-27-74; Enid Gill 98-22-76; Alma Barker 105-28-77.

Upper Bronze Division: Judy Foster 111-35-76; Gwyneth Baines-Jones 111-34-77; Barbara Bewley 110-31-79.

THE BROW

Cross Country Golf : David Talbot 33-12 ½=20 ½; John Youens 38-10 ½=27 ½; Peter Barker 37-9 ½=27 ½; Keith Abbott 41-10 ½=30 ½; Dai Davies 39-8=31.

Davies Cup Winner: David Talbot 91-25=66. **Best Gross:** Mike Clark 77. Division 1: Trevor Williams 81-14=67; Peter Morris 80-12=68; Division 2: John Youens 90-21=69; Ian Davies 89-19=70.

Kipper Classic: Peter Barker 37; Garry Gregory 35; John Youens 33 (cb); Ray Cartwright 33; Peter Fairbank 32.

Whittington A can't disrupt the title party

WHITTINGTON A failed to put a damper on Ceiriog Valley A's title celebrations as they succumbed 8-2 (152-131) away to the leaders of the Oswestry and District Bowling League division one.

Needing just two points to make sure of retaining the crown, Ceiriog Valley made no mistake despite the efforts of their visitors for whom Aled Davies won to nine and Julian Turner 21-17.

While the title has now been decided, the race for runners-up spot is still wide open with **LLANYMYNECH A** keeping their chances alive with a 9-1 (166-109) romp against struggling visitors Flexsys A.

Back in the top flight this season, the newcomers continued their excellent campaign with the impressive Kieran Jones (21-7) taking the coppers and James Candlin running out a 21-9 winner - his 15th victory of the campaign.

The win sees Llany cement fourth spot, two points adrift of Chirk A who were without a fixture, and three points behind second placed Llangollen A. With the final round of games this week, seven points separate four clubs.

CRIFTINS A were edged out 7-3 at home to promotion chasing Llangollen A, who took the aggregate by just two shots (144-142), Luke Dulson (21-12) with the best card for the Dudleston Heath hosts.

First half display sees Pool lose record

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

WELSHPOOL Town's unbeaten start in the Spar Mid Wales League division one came to an end as they crashed 4-1 at home to Carno.

The Maesydre men had gone into the clash in good heart with four wins and a draw from their first five outings, but they were up against it after shipping in four goals in a disappointing first half.

A brace from Scott Williams, and singles from Peter Rees and Andy Evans put the visitors in charge before Ricky Litchfield notched a consolation for Pool.

It was a bad night for teams at the top with leaders Llanidloes Town slumping 3-2 at home to Radnor Valley who overturned a two-goal interval deficit with second half strikes from Elliot Morris, Geraint Lloyd
and Joey Price.

The Daffs had started well, taking the lead after just two minutes when Joe Evans fired home following a terrific ball from Richie Evans.

That advantage was doubled on the half hour when Evans found the net after Joe Evans had driven an Ed Clarke corner towards goal.

But it all went wrong for the hosts in the second period as Rador Valley clawed their way back, with the winner coming from the penalty spot.

Despite the loss, Llanidloes remain top of the table, two points clear of Welshpool, while five points separate the leading eight sides.

LLANFAIR UNITED suffered a surprise 3-2 loss at early strugglers Llandrindod Wells despite replies from Alun Hughes and Paul Griffiths.

Shane Pritchard, Stu Williams and Kieran McCauley were on target at the other end as Landod notched their first win of the campaign.

KERRY maintained their encouraging start following their promotion from the second division as they held on to notch a 3-2 success away to Knighton Town.

Tom Jones crashed home a stunning 30-yard strike while there were two goals for Max McLaughlin who was also sent off late in the second half for two bookings.

The Lambs. who withstood a fightback after being three goals up, are now up to fifth in the table.

In division two, Tom Landon, Kevin Jones and Callum Maddy were on the mark as Hay St Mary's were 3-1 winners against Brecon Northcote, while Builth Wells finished 1-1 at home to Talgarth Town.

Earlier in the week, Welshpool Town maintained their unbeaten start with a 2-0 home victory over another in-form side Llanrhaeadr at Maesydre.

Will Thomas and Neil Pryce were both on target for the resurgent Lilywhites who moved to second in the table courtesy of the victory.

After a mixed start to the campaign, **BERRIEW** got back to winning ways as they accounted for Radnor Valley 3-2 to push back into the top half of the table.

Last season's top scorer Richard Davies netted a hat-trick in a vastly improved display that saw the Rhiewsiders carve a string of good chances.

Llanfair United lost ground on the leading pack as they succumbed 1-0 at Carno whose Jordan McFadden scored a last-gasp winner in the gloom.

Kerry won the battle of the new boys in emphatic fashion as they swept aside Churchstoke 4-0, Max McLaughlin scoring twice against his former club while there was also a brace for Luke Mumford.

Connor Bird scored the only goal of the game as Knighton Town edged out basement side Llandrindod Wells 1-0 to move up to mid-table.

Llanidloes Town opened up a two points lead at the top with a 2-1 verdict against Bow Street at Victoria Avenue, their fifth win in six outings.

After a goalless first half in an entertaining encounter, the Daffs took the spoils after the break with strikes from Rhys Evans and Richie Evans, with the visitors levelling in between through Llion Jenkins.

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Oswestry out to wrap up promotion

DESPITE a recent wobble, Oswestry's cricketers know that one win from their remaining two games should still be enough to seal promotion from the Birmingham League division two.

Having been well clear a month ago, the race for the top two places has now become too close for comfort after the Morda Road men suffered three successive defeats.

The latest of those losses was last weekend when Oswestry were edged out by one wicket in a nail-biting top-of-the table showdown against closest rivals Pershore.

They remain in pole position, but have seen their lead whittled away with Pershore now just five points behind in second spot and Halesowen - who were two wicket winners against Old Elizabethans - trailing by seven points in third.

Just two games remain, away to fourth placed Fordhouses on Saturday (midday), before finishing the campaign at home to lowly Wombourne the following week.

Opting to bat first, Oswestry posted a handy 226-9 in 50 overs, with skipper Robbie Clarke top scoring with 61 and Alun Morris hitting 58.

Pershore lost an early wicket in reply to Roman Walker (3-48), but rallied thanks to 78 from opener Liam Ridings. Paceman Sadaf Hussain (3-54) returned to pick up three quickfire wickets to set up a nail-biting finish, with Pershore just scraping over the line with one wicket and one ball to spare.

OSWESTRY II, meanwhile, slumped to a 125-run loss at Newport to remain third bottom in the Birmingham League 2nd XI League two (N).

Thomas Newnes (75) and Dave Nock (62) saw Newport rack up a challenging 293 all out in 50 overs, Matthew Davies picking up 3-52.

Joshua Darley, who earlier collected a couple of wickets for Oswestry, completed a good personal day with 64 at the top of the order, but the depleted visitors were bowled out for 168.

Saints looking to bloom in the Vase

IT'S a big day for St Martins on Saturday when they make their first ever appearance in the Buildbase FA Vase with a trip to Leicestershire side Ashby Ivanhoe.

The Saints have suffered a mixed start to their West Midlands League division one season, but will be hoping to fire on all cylinders against their hosts who play in the East Midlands Counties Football League.

Also in first qualifying round action are FC OSWESTRY Town who will be hoping for a change of fortune away to Wolverhampton Community following their disappointing start in the Hallmark North West Counties League division one.

Welshpool look to hit back in Cup

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

WELSHPOOL Town will want to shrug off a first defeat of the season when they host Aberaeron in the second qualifying round of the JD Welsh Cup on Saturday (2.30pm).

After winning four and drawing one of their first five encounters in the Spar Mid Wales League division one, Pool were downed 4-1 by Carno on Saturday.

Despite the defeat, they remain second in the table and in good heart as they return to Maesydre this weekend for what promises to be a tricky test if they are to keep their flag flying in the prestigious cup.

Pool were made to battle all the way in the previous round before booking their ticket with a 3-2 extra time win at Churchstoke after keeper Dave Littleford pulled off a crucial penalty save.

Llanrhaeadr, who had a bye in the first round, have an intriguing home clash with Kerry who have made a terrific start since stepping up to the Spar League division one. Elsewhere, Llansantffraid Village welcome Berriew and Abermule entertain Borth United in the other local ties.

This weekend's Welsh Cup ties (central Wales clubs only, 2.30pm): Knighton Town v Bow Street, Llansantffraid Village v Berriew, Llanrhaeadr v Kerry, Welshpool Town v Aberaeron, Abermule v Borth United, Carno v Llandrindod Wells, Rhayader Town v Brecon Northcote, Llanidloes Town v Barmouth & Dyffryn United.

TNS GET HOME IRN-BRU DRAW

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

THE New Saints will fancy their chances of making progress in the IRN-BRU Scottish Cup after landing a home tie with Elgin City in the third round.

After their penalty shoot-out victory over Livingston in the previous round, the Welsh Premier champions will have the advantage of playing at Park Hall as they chase a quarter-final place.

The eight third-round ties will be played on the weekend of October 7/8, and TNS boss Scott Ruscoe will be delighted to again have home advantage which sees Elgin have to make a 880-mile round trip from the Highlands.

Ruscoe praised his players after overcoming a tough first hurdle in the shape of Livingston when winning 6-5 on penalties after the tie had finished 1-1.

"It was a tough draw to have at this stage of the competition, but we were excellent, and everyone of our players were up for the challenge," he said.

"Penalties is a lottery, but we showed a lot of character and everyone who took the penalties deserves a pat on the back."

Known as the Black & Whites, part-time Elgin City reached this stage of the competition with a 2-0 home win against League of Ireland outfit Bray Wanderers.

After the Saints' penalty shoot-out win against Livingston, it emerged that League of Ireland referee Robert Harvey used the wrong system.

Instead of the conventional ABAB in which teams alternate spot kicks, the official instructed teams to use the ABBA format where sides take two in a row. The Scottish Professional Football League are seeking an explanation from the Scottish FA regarding the shoot-out.

Ruscoe, meanwhile, will now be looking for his side to maintain their momentum when they turn their thoughts back to the defence of their Welsh Premier crown in Friday night's home clash with Cefn Druids.

"After losing our first game of the season, we're now won three games and we're steadily improving," he said.

It's party time for Welshpool

Chairman Tom Carter cuts the cake to mark Welshpool Rugby Club's 50th anniversary

AFTER suffering a tough first day, Welshpool's rugby players will be hoping for better fortunes when they make the short trip to Powys rivals COBRA on Saturday (2.30pm).

Having moved up to the Welsh National League division two (north) this season, Pool were given a tough baptism when slumping 78-0 to Denbigh at Maesydre in their opener.

To mark their 50th anniversary, Pool will hold a celebratory dinner at the Welshpool Livestock Sales Restaurant on Sunday with special guest speaker Sean Holley, the Scrum V pundit and former coach with Bristol RFC, Ospreys, Scarlets and Wales.

Meanwhile, Welshpool Ladies made a winning start by defeating Shotton Steel 19-10 in the newly from North Wales Womens League.

OSWESTRY, who opened their season in the South Lancs and Cheshire Two with a 36-24 win at Dukinfield, lmake their first home appearance against Stockport side Heaton Moor on Saturday (3pm).

Guilsfield in mood to clip Airbus wings

UNBEATEN Guilsfield put their impressive early season form to the test when they head to fellow pacesetters Airbus UK in the Huws Gray Cymru Alliance on Saturday (2.30pm), **writes JOHN BRIDGWATER.**

After an opening day 1-1 draw at Rhyl, the Guils have reeled off three straight wins, with the latest coming when defeating Ruthin Town 1-0 to move to the top of the table.

They are one point above the Wingmakers who have won three of their four league encounters as they chase a swift return to the Welsh Premier.

After a weekend off, the Guils are relishing an early showdown as they look to maintain their encouraging start,

"We've got a couple of tough games coming up," admitted boss Nathan Leonard.

"First Airbus away and then Holyhead Hotspur at home. We'll be positive, and try to win both, but if we can get four points, then we will be happy."

Challenge

Defender Robbie James is a fitness doubt with a hamstring strain he picked up against Ruthin.

Guilsfield, meanwhile, eased past Forden 8-2 to maintain their early challenge for the Montgomeryshire Cup.

After back to back defeats, **LLANFAIR UNITED** will hope to return to winning ways when they entertain Machynlleth in the Spar Mid Wales League division one on Saturday (2.30pm).

Having dropped down from the Cymru Alliance this season, it has been a modest start for Rhys Stephens' men who have 10 points from seven outings. They have lost three of their last four league games.

Churchstoke, promoted to the first division this season, are away to Tywyn Bryncrug as they chase their second win of the campaign.

Improving Ifton clear the danger

IFTON took another step towards safety in the Salop Leisure Shropshire Premier Bowls League with a terrific 9-5 (224-204) victory away to Hanwood.

After their much-needed 10-4 (225-205) home success over Burway the week before, the St Martins side continued to push clear of basement strife with one of their best performances of the season.

With two games remaining, they are now 15 points above basement side Wem USC, and 10 points clear of fellow strugglers Bylet who have a game in hand.

Ifton now host St Georges on Friday night as they look to seal survival, before ending their season away to Wrockwardine Wood the following week.

Brian Hayes led the way with Ifton's best result of the night in defeating Ashley Wellings 21-9.

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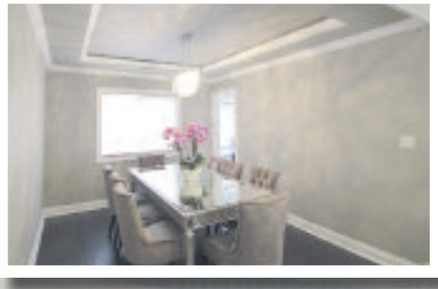

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